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Hezbollah 'executes' kidnapper

BEIRUT, Aug. 3. (Reuters): The radical pro-Iranian Hezbollah, widely accused of abducting Westerners, said today it had "executed" the kidnappers of three Lebanese children.

It said in a statement to news agencies: "Following measures by Hezbollah against members of the gang arrested for involvement in the kidnapping of the three Al Ariss children..."

"Hezbollah carried out a just sentence... and executed Youssef Jawhar after he confessed his involvement in several armed kidnappings, terrorising civilians and extorting money."

The children of wealthy foreign exchange dealer Zuhier Al Ariss were grabbed by six gunmen while on their way to school on June 14 but rescued three days later in an operation by Hezbollah and Syrian troops.

Hezbollah said after the rescue it had arrested the kidnappers who demanded three million dollars ransom for Dana Al Ariss, 13, and her brothers Samer, 11, and Ramzi, six.

The Hezbollah statement said Jawhar, a Shi'ite Muslim, was the mastermind of the seizures and was responsible for demanding ransom from the families, it said.

Hezbollah did not say how Jawhar was killed nor give details about the fate of the other gang members.

At least 10 children of wealthy families have been seized over the past year by gunmen seeking cash ransoms.

Hezbollah is widely accused of involvement in the kidnapping of up to 18 Westerners missing in Lebanon but denies links to hostage-taking.



Etienne Marais (front row left) was among 143 South Africans who refused further service in the Army because they believe it upholds apartheid. (Reuter wirephoto)

Gesture of mass defiance in S. Africa**Whites refuse Army service**

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Scores of young white South Africans publicly refused today to report for compulsory military service in a gesture of mass defiance that could earn them up to six years in jail.

At secretive press conferences in four cities 143 men, mainly professionals and students, simultaneously announced they would not serve because they saw the Army as an instrument of unjust race policies.

"We believe that the South African defence force helps to uphold the system of apartheid," they said in a joint statement.

In Durban, Roman Catholic Archbishop Denis Hurley chaired the objectors' meeting and told them: "I find myself full of admiration at the courage of this stand."

Hurley pledged his church's

support for attempts to change the law on conscientious objection to military service.

Marius, describing his experiences in the Angola and South African-ruled Namibia, told reporters: "What I am angry about is that I was conscripted into waging war against a people that I had no quarrel with... that I was part of a crazy and brutal occupation."

Journalists were led to the conferences via several rendezvous to throw security forces off the trail. The venues varied from a university campus room in Johannesburg to a church hall in Cape Town.

Speakers said the Army acted as brutal oppressor in the townships, reserved for blacks under South Africa's race laws.

the authorities would deal harshly with white conscientious objectors.

"The Army is not defending South Africa as a whole, but is defending with brute force the interests of apartheid," psychology student Etienne Marais, 26, said at Johannesburg's University of the Witwatersrand.

Support

Behind him rows of other objectors stood facing television cameras after distributing their names and signed statements.

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Namibian independence linked to Cuban pullout**Pretoria's truce proposal rejected**

GENEVA, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Cuba and Angola today rejected a surprise South African proposal for a ceasefire in Angola and independence for Namibia, Cuba said.

"The South African proposal has not yet been discussed during the Geneva negotiations. Nor is it acceptable for the joint Angolan and Cuban delegation," Cuba said in a statement issued at US-mediated talks on southern Africa.

Cuba and Angola would not

cut short the peace negotiations on southern Africa which began in London last May and have continued in Cairo, New York and Geneva, the Cuban statement said.

Retracte

"Cuba and Angola reiterate their readiness to continue with seriousness and respect negotiations necessary to seek a just peace in the southwestern area of Africa," it said.

South Africa announced in Pretoria yesterday that it was prepared to begin implementing a United Nations independence plan for South African-ruled Namibia on Nov. 1.

The offer was conditional on Cuba withdrawing an estimated 50,000 troops from Angola by June next year and on the closing of seven Angolan bases of the African National Congress

(ANC), which is fighting to end white domination in South Africa.

The announcement, made in Pretoria by Foreign Minister Piko Botha, surprised delegates to the Geneva talks who had imposed a blanket of secrecy on their discussions.

Cuba said South Africa could not fix a date for the withdrawal of "internationalist troops who defend Angola from the aggression of the South African government."

A date for Cuban withdrawal would be fixed by Angola and Cuba "when threats to the integrity and sovereignty of Angola cease," Cuba said.

Proposed

Angola and Cuba have previously proposed a Cuban withdrawal over four years. The Cuban troops are supporting the Angolan government against South African-backed UNITA rebels.

Cuba said South Africa could not make Namibian independence conditional on the termination of Angolan aid to the ANC, nor could it demand that restrictions be imposed on the activities of black nationalist Namibian guerrillas.

This would convert the Angolan government into a "gendarme of the aspirations of apartheid," Cuba said.

PLO cautiously welcomes Hussein's move

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Palestinian people... that would not be in Jordan's interest."

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Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is trying to mediate between Jordan and the PLO to eliminate differences in viewpoints and re-establishing relations.

The Israeli government came under right-wing pressure today to annex the occupied West Bank and Gaza, where Palestinians have been in revolt for nearly eight months, to fill a vacuum left by Jordan.

"This is the time for Israel to stake its claim open, explicitly and to declare its sovereignty over the entire area, a member of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya party told reporters.

Annealing

"The alternative would be the Palestinian PLO organisation," said Yuval Ne'eman, a member of the Knesset (parliament).

Political sources said Israeli right-wing ministers Ariel Sharon and Yitzhak Modai also proposed annexing the West Bank and Gaza—or parts of the occupied territories—at a meeting of the 10-member inner cabinet.

Israel radio said Modai told the meeting Israel should initiate moves rather than wait for further moves by King Hussein.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, refused to confirm or deny that annexation proposals were discussed at the inner cabinet session.

But he said that, although the government believed the West Bank was part of Israel, it had to respect international agreements, especially the 1978 Camp David accord with Egypt.

Iraq raids Iranian gas plant again

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only damage the peace process and don't believe the UN leader is not keen on achieving peace."

Iraq has twice refused to accept from Perez de Cuellar a copy of his proposed peace timetable, a senior diplomat said at the UN today.

The

Arab League committee set up to monitor the war ended a meeting in Baghdad today with a declaration of support for Iraq's insistence on face-to-face talks.

"The committee calls on the international community and the UN Security Council member states... to boost efforts to guarantee a just, comprehensive and durable settlement for the conflict, through direct negotiations," said the committee, whose members include Iraq.

Tehran Radio, dismissed the committee's support, which it noted was expressed after a meeting in Baghdad.

Reflects

"Its position in no way reflects that of all member countries of the Arab League," the radio said.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei told a rally yesterday that Iran doubted UN negotiations could achieve peace and said if Iraq insisted on direct talks, Iran would set conditions of its own.

But Perez de Cuellar commented: "I have to be very careful about these public statements... sometimes they don't reflect exactly the thinking of the leaders who address the press."

In an interview with Iranian television from the United Nations, Velayati called for a ban on the export of materials used to manufacture chemical weapons.

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larijani arrived in Moscow today for talks on mutual and regional issues, Tehran Radio reported.

The United States has condemned Iraq for use of chemical weapons in the war, which a UN report had the day before called "intensive and frequent."

Fire on US aircraft carrier

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (Reuters): An engine-room fire aboard the US aircraft carrier Constellation off California injured about 20 crew members but did not disable the ship, a Navy spokesman said today.

He said fire broke out in one of the engine rooms just after noon (1900 GMT) yesterday as the conventionally powered carrier was steaming out of San Diego on a training cruise.

Wedding tragedy

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 3. (Reuters): A wedding in Quetta ended in tragedy when a guest lost control of the rifle he was firing into the air and killed four men, the Associated Press of Pakistan news agency reported.

23 die as Bulgarian airliner crashes

VIENNA, Austria, Aug. 3. (Agencies): A Bulgarian airliner today failed to take off from a Sofia runway and crashed into a river bed, killing at least 23 people on board, including a Soviet diplomat, state media reported today.

There were 37 people on board, including four crew members.

The official Bulgarian news agency BTA said a consul at the Soviet consulate general in the Black Sea coast town of Varna where the plane was headed, was among the dead.

He was identified as Yuri Evgenievich Cheryomin, 38, Sources in Sofia said the official Communist Party daily Rabotnicheskata Delo described the crash in today's editions.

The sources, who insisted on anonymity, said the newspaper reported that the Yak-40

Israeli tablet can counter chemical weapons

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 3, (AP): Israel, fearing the threat of chemical warfare, is distributing to its soldiers a newly developed tablet that increases immunity to chemical weapons, the Army's chief medical doctor announced today.

"We're at the end of research and beginning of development of a new injection... so we will be able to provide each soldier with a syringe in the field, without need for refrigeration and with a long shelf life," Brig. Gen. Yehuda Danon said on Israel radio.

Specifically, the Iran-Iraq war has heightened Israeli concerns about chemical weapons, and "in the last year we introduced tablets that raise personal immunity levels," Danon said.

The Army also has conducted drills in Israeli hospitals using medical teams especially trained to treat victims of chemical weapons, the Daily Maariv reported today.

Airport sources said it was still not clear what caused the crash of the Soviet-designed Yak-40 aircraft.

The sources, who insisted on anonymity, said the newspaper reported that the Yak-40

propeller-type plane of the state Balkan Airlines, failed to lift-off, continued to roll off the runway and crashed into the Iskar river about a mile (1.6 kilometers) to the east of the airport.

It was not yet known why the plane was unable to lift-off.

The newspaper said 12 people had been hospitalised with injuries.

In its today's dispatch, however, the official Bulgarian news agency BTA quoted sources in the Balkan Bulgarian Airlines as saying 23 people died and 14 were injured in the crash.

Balance

Danon's revelations of the latest Israeli methods to fight chemical weapons coincided with the Army's Medical Corps Day.

While the Israeli tablet apparently makes use of a new, locally developed formula, a Western expert said similar pharmacological protection has been

available for some time both to Israel's armed forces and Western armies.

The latest Middle East military balance for 1986, produced by Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies, says Arab countries possess chemical weapons that constitute "a threat against Israel... it can only grow in future."

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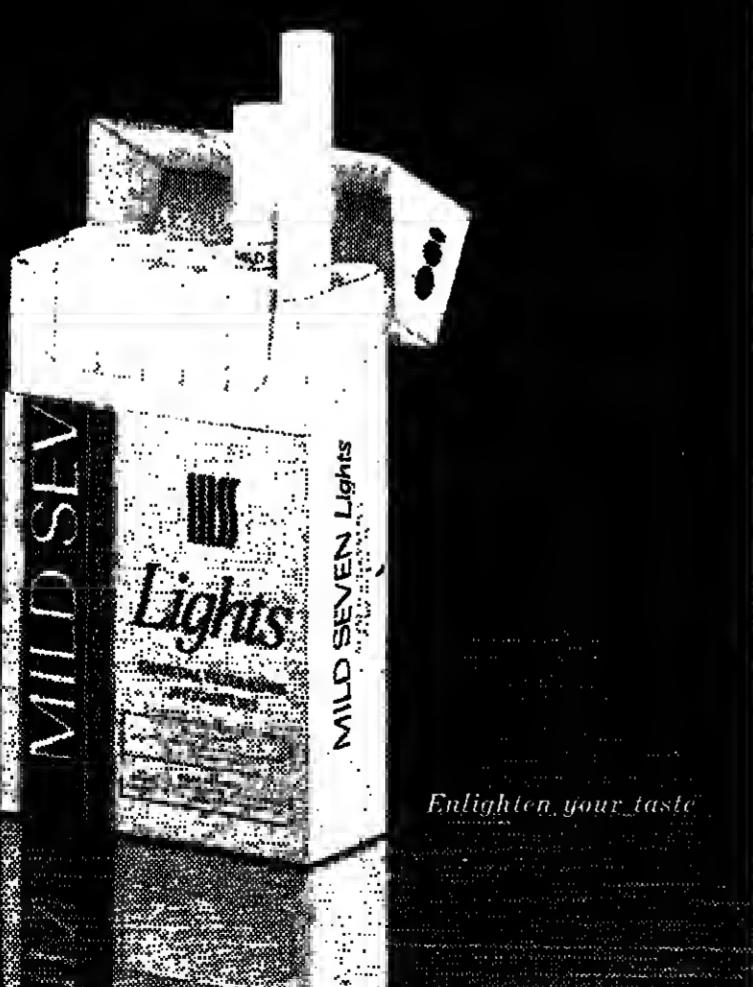
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Heavy rains play havoc**Floods kill 161 in Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 3. (KUNA): Abnormally heavy rains and high floods have caused havoc in the Punjab and Frontier provinces killing at least 161 people and rendering about one million homeless.

According to official reports the twin-calamity has struck 22 districts in the Punjab and four in the Frontier provinces leaving a trail of devastation to life and property.

Besides loss of 161 lives, an estimated 600 cattle-heads have perished after having been swept away by swirling waters of flooded rivers across the two provinces.

Nearly 2,000 villages were submerged in flood water in Punjab alone making as many as 9,98,000 people shelterless. The government set up a string of relief camps for them. The number of houses destroyed was put at 14,475 and those damaged at

26,457. Standing crops in fertile farmlands spread over 2,25,000 acres were also damaged, forcing the Punjab government to announce remission of land revenue to the affected farmers.

Season

Federal flood commissioner Mian Maqbul Alam said in an interview that though the national meteorological office had forecast well in advance that the country would have abnormally high rains this season, the commission could not cope with the situation arising from the phenomenon.

According to him the funds placed for anti-flood measures by the government for the purpose were inadequate. Maqbul Alam said the amount available for anti-flood operations was Rs. 161 million where as the actual need was of the order of Rs. 612 million.

The worst affected districts in

the Punjab were Sialkot, Jhang, Gujrat, Lahore, Mianwali, Multan, Muzaffargarh, Kasur, Dera Ghazi Khan, Gujranwala and Sargodha.

Pasur town in Sialkot district was surrounded by flood water and cut off from the rest of the country. Jhelum river had entered the city of Jhelum and Chenab on the national highway when the two rivers rose into high flood following heavy rains in catchment areas.

Similarly River Indus, had inundated the district of Attock bordering the Frontier Province.

In the Frontier Province the districts of Mansehra, Bannu, Dera Ismail Khan and Swat bore the brunt of floods and rains, with Mansehra being the worst victim.

Rains broke all previous records in July in Islamabad registering 500 millimetres of rainfall in the month.

The Associated Press of Pakistan news agency reported.

US holding \$12b in Iran's assets

THE HAGUE, Aug 3. (AP): The United States is holding billions of dollars worth of impounded Iranian military equipment, and Iran has raised the issue in connection with American hostages in Lebanon.

Statements last week by Iran's acting commander-in-chief, Hashemi Rafsanjani, marked the third time since the 1979 seizure of the 52 American hostages at the US Embassy in Tehran that the issue of Iranian assets frozen by the United States has been linked to American hostages.

"If he is talking about military equipment, then the arbitration of Iran's claim against the United States for the value of spare parts and other equipment ordered before the revolution is continuing," said an American official at the Iran-US claims tribunal.

The tribunal is adjudicating billions of dollars worth of claims arising out of the 1979 Iranian revolution.

Iran has filed a \$12-billion claim against the United States for the military equipment and spare parts, the largest claim before the tribunal. Iran seeks delivery of the equipment or payment of its value.

The military material was ordered by Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's government through the US government's foreign military sales programme.

Transfer of the equipment to Iran, as well as billions of dollars of Iranian funds on deposit in American banks, was frozen by the US government after the seizure of the embassy hostage.

The Algiers accords that resulted in freedom for the hostages in January 1981 also unblocked the Iranian assets.

But despite the Algiers accords, the military equipment, much of which was already paid for, was then impounded by the US government to prevent its use in the Iran-Iraq war.

"We do have a bunch of their (Iran's) stuff, and there's no question that it's their stuff," said a tribunal official.

In August 1980, almost 10 months after the hostage seizure, Iran said at the United Nations that the United States' release of the frozen Iranian funds would "facilitate" the "hostage" that might speed the Iranian parliament's debate on the fate of the 52 American hostages.

Israeli troops punish Palestinians

Army destroy W.Bank homes

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 3. (UPI): Soldiers using bulldozers, tractors or explosive charges demolished the homes of 10 Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank today as a punishment because they allegedly threw Molotov cocktails at Army and civilian vehicles.

The demolitions came a day after soldiers shot and killed an 18-year-old West Bank resident and wounded four others in sporadic violence on Tuesday following the expulsion of eight Palestinians earlier in the week.

The Army said soldiers demolished three houses and sealed another house in the village of Beit Ummar, 20 km south of Jerusalem, to punish several people accused of throwing Molotov cocktails at Army patrols and Israeli buses.

The Army said an attack carried out by the group on June 14 seriously burned two Israeli soldiers.

Soldiers also destroyed four houses in Jelazoun refugee camp, 20 km north of Jerusalem, one in Jammala and two in Deir Ammar, twin villages about 35 km northeast of Jerusalem, the Army said.

The soldiers used tractors, bulldozers or explosive charges to destroy the houses, an Army spokesman said.

Emergency security laws dating from the British mandate period allow Israeli soldiers to demolish homes as a collective punishment against the families of people accused of terrorist acts.

Demolition of houses is often used to punish those accused of manufacturing, storing or throwing explosive devices.

Death toll

On Tuesday, soldiers opened fire on Allah Al Din Al Akbar after they spotted him standing on a roof in Nablus preparing to throw a large cinderblock on an Army patrol, an Army spokesman said. Akbar was hit in the abdomen.

An Army official confirmed the death but said the Palestinian was shot as he was about to hurl a brick from a rooftop at a soldier standing below.

The death brought to 236 the number of Palestinians killed since the uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip began last Dec. 9. Four Israelis have also died.

Throughout the occupied territories on Tuesday, Palestinians shuttered shops and halted transport for a second straight day to protest Israel's deportation policy.

The strike was fuelled by the expulsion on Monday of eight more Palestinians accused of inciting the rebellion. The expulsion brought the number of deportations since the uprising began to 29.

The chief Army prosecutor, Lt. Col. Anton Strasnov, described the deportees as "encouragers and inciters in the territories who have played a substantial role in" the uprising.

He said the deportations were an effective deterrent, adding that the policy had to be carried out selectively.

Beatings

Disturbances in Nablus and the nearby Balata refugee camp broke out after the killing of the 18-year-old, and nine Palestinians were wounded by Army gunfire, officials at two Nablus hospitals said.

Seven Arabs were injured by rubber bullets and beatings, doctors said.

The Army official said he only had reports of two Palestinians

being injured in Nablus either by live gunfire or rubber bullets.

In the West Bank village of Dura, about 40 kilometres south of Jerusalem, troops shot and wounded two Arabs, the Army said.

In the Gaza Strip's Shati refugee camp, troops fired tear gas after demonstrators violated a curfew and stoned an Army patrol, an Arab reporter said.

Officials at Shifa Hospital said two Palestinians suffered bullet wounds and another was beaten by soldiers at Shati. An Army spokesman confirmed that Israeli soldiers shot and wounded two Palestinians.

Gathering

But a Molotov cocktail thrown at an Israeli car late last night prompted a gathering of West Bank settlers who blocked the main Jerusalem-Hebron road overnight, Israeli Radio said. The Army dispersed the spontaneous demonstration, the radio said.

Clashes broke out this morning in Nablus, the West Bank's largest city as shopkeepers extended for a third day the two-day commercial strike observed throughout the territories on Monday and Tuesday.



Adela Abdu, wife of Lu'al Abdu, one of the eight Palestinians deported by Israel, with her five-day-old baby son Abu saw for the first time, hours before he was expelled to Lebanon. (Reuter wirephoto)

Bourguiba spends his birthday in seclusion

TUNIS, Aug 3. (Reuters): Former President Habib Bourguiba spent his birthday today in seclusion and with none of the pomp and splendour that marked the occasion when he was in power.

Instead the anniversary -- the first since Bourguiba was declared senile and removed from office last November -- passed amid apparent national indifference.

As the new regime of President Zine Al Ahidine Ben Ali dismantles the trappings of Bourguiba's 30-year rule, even the ex-head of state's age -- officially 85, but probably 87 according to a recent biography -- is now openly in dispute.

Far from his east coast home town of Monastir, where he celebrated previous birthdays with fanfare, Bourguiba has been held under medical supervision on a cypress, tree-lined estate south of Tunis since his enforced retirement.

Family friends said no special celebration was planned on his birthday, which is no longer a national holiday and was ignored by official media.

Song banned

A song traditionally broadcast to mark the occasion, lauding the prowess of the "supreme fighter," has been banned and no birthday cannon will be fired in Monastir.

Bourguiba used to visit his magnificent mausoleum at the time of his birthday, but work on it has been stopped.

The authorities have not replied to a request by the ex-president to spend the summer in Skanes palace, near Monastir, family friends said.

They said Bourguiba read daily newspapers, watched television and took regular walks in the garden of the well-guarded estate at Mornag.

These walks, when he was in power at Carthage Palace, would be broadcast daily on television. His summertime swims, with dives into the sea in his younger days from rocks on Monastir beach, could also be seen nationwide.

Manila rejects prisoners swap

MANILA, Aug 3. (Reuters): The Philippine government rejected today any prisoners swap with communist rebels, saying this would give them virtual status as a separate government.

"There is to be no exchange. The military victims are not prisoners of war. They are only kidnapped victims," Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos told reporters, referring to five soldiers held hostage by the guerrillas for 64 days.

The rejection came on the eve of resumption of talks between the rebels and a civilian group for the release of the hostages held in a mountain retreat 70 km southeast of Manila.

The civilian negotiators include Public Works Secretary Juanito Ferre, a congressman, a provincial governor and an ex-minister. The government said

they were acting in a private capacity on behalf of the soldiers' families.

The rebels demand the release of two jailed communist leaders and three women political prisoners in exchange for the soldiers, whom they call "prisoners of war."

They also asked that an independent group, to include a representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross, be formed to monitor human rights violations. They said civilians should not be forced into joining anti-communist militia units.

Threat

The rebels have threatened to kill a kidnapped foreigner, believed to be an American, and his Filipino wife if the military attempts to rescue them, a military official said today.

Pre-marital pregnancy rate rising in China

BEIJING, Aug 3. (UPI): An influx of thousands of single female workers into a special economic zone in southern China is sending pre-marital pregnancy rates skyrocketing and wreaking havoc with marriages, official news reports said today.

Nearly 10 per cent of 10,000 unmarried women factory workers in a single district of the Shenzhen special economic zone became pregnant in 1987, the official English-language China Daily said.

The zone, set up as a free-market experiment, employs about 250,000 temporary female workers, most of them single. The women are forbidden from marrying in the economic zone because they do not have Shenzhen residency status.

Local officials told the China Youth newspaper the single women working in Shenzhen are suffering "extreme anxiety" because of the vast imbalance between men and women in the factories. At one plastic bag manufacturing plant all but five of 205 temporary workers are women.

"Providing female workers with sexual satisfaction is even more difficult than reducing conflicts between management and labour," the newspaper said.

Club

Efforts have been made to set up social clubs and dance halls to occupy their free time but "it was later found that what the female workers really wanted was sexual satisfaction" the China Youth said.

The China Daily report said the free-wheeling economic zone has been visited by a wide variety of vices and problems related to sex since its founding.

"Premarital pregnancies is not the only problem in these processing factories. The number of homosexuals and prostitutes was continuing to rise and so was the number of divorces," China Daily said.

Affairs between married men and temporary workers caused a majority of the 45 divorces reported last year to the women's federation in Shenzhen's Nantou district, it said.

Demonstrators confront Thatcher in Melbourne

MELBOURNE, Aug 3. (Reuters): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, on tour in Australia as the Irish Republican Army (IRA) renewed its bombing campaign in Britain, braved a stormy nationalist Irish demonstration after arriving in Melbourne today.

At the midpoint of her five-day stay, a police cordon had to link arms to force its way through a central shopping mall as the British leader went on the second of four scheduled walkabouts.

About 50 demonstrators chanting "fascist" and "Thatcher out" surrounded her entourage as Thatcher walked through a pedestrian arcade and visited a British-owned beauty store.

The 62-year-old prime minister stumbled once but carried on untroubled with her programme.

Population

Both Melbourne and Sydney, which Thatcher will visit on Thursday, have substantial populations of Irish origin.

The prime minister was guest of honour at a dinner in central Melbourne this evening and will visit an aircraft component manufacturing company on Thursday before leaving for Sydney.

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Islamic Arts Museum

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Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jahriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

SOCIAL

German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Malayalam debate

A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The topics are: The social foundation of popular cinema (Aug 5); a discussion on the important creations of Malayalam cinema (Aug 12); The different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment (Aug 19). The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun 4814477.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

Onam Festival

The Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varughese - 431451; Thomas Perumpilly - 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Parayadil - 2422973.

D'Assissi Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena - 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August on 5746754 after 6 pm.

Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Kuwait Open 14th Winners Cup cricket tournament on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves - 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

Bangladesh variety show

Bangladeshi children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

HOTELS

At the Meridien
La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

At the Continental
El Bendar Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured.

At the Darbar
The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

Kuwait Nomads
Kuwait Nomads pre-season training starts Sunday August 7 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. For details contact 5642599.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 pm; a la carte also offered. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Vietnamese Cafe. Light refreshments are available at the Hang Babylon Gardens.

On Wednesday, join the Shazad barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper Club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

The recreation club has new fitness courses in aerobics, swimming, yoga and weight-lifting, all manned by professional instructors.

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab and international specialities; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6:30 am to midnight.

Buffet meals are also offered at the Falakha restaurant. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open everyday 12:30-3 pm and 7:30-11:30 pm.

PBAK bowling tournament

The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimbang 4843447.

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At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

Al Hamra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialities on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations and live music by solo harpist Harp Dreams.

Arab world specialities are available every Thursday evening at Le Turbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

SPORTS

14th Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All-Kuwait Open 14th Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning September. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the KOC ground, Al Ahmadi.

Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

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Al Andalus

Rambo III
Starring: Sylvester Stallone

Al Salimya
Reserved for Al Jazira

Theatre
Drive-In

Asidqah Al Shaitan
(Arabic)

Al Hamra

Police Academy IV

Starring: Steve Guttenberg

and Bubba Smith

Al Firdous

Mardon Wali Baat

Starring: Dharmendra,

Sababa Azmi, Sunjay

Dutt, Jaya Prada

Fabashel Open

Pyar Ka Mandir (Hindi)

Al Fahsheel

Awara (Bengali)

Al Jabra

Car Thieves (Arabic)

Granada

Valley Girl

Salsabilkhat

Aan Kiliyude Tharrattu

(Malayalam)

Al Jleeb

Daku Rani (Hindi)

Alahmadi Drive-in

Karakoun Fi Al Share

(Arabic)

FRIDAY

Al Jabra

Junkman

Granada

Pyar Ke Kabil (Hindi)

Salsabilkhat

Dragon Force

Al Jleeb

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PRAYERS

Fajr 3:43 am

Zahr 11:54

3:30 pm

Maghreb 6:37

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FRIDAY

9:00 Holy Quran

9:15 Cartoons

9:30 Space Adventures

10:00 News Summary

10:15 Dawa Lil Hub:

Arabic serial

11:00 News Summary

11:15 Ala Al Dunyia, Al

Salam: local serial

12:00 News summary

12:15 Cultural film

1:00 News Summary

1:05 World today via

satellite

1:40 Variety show

3:15 Religious talk

3:35 Bill and Sebastian

4:00 Magazine d'Actualite

4:15 The Saint: English

serial starring Roger

Moore as the smooth

and suave detective

Simon Templar

5:00 Liqa Al Khamis:

weekly local show

6:30 General information

and public announcements

7:15 Equestrian

7:45 With Islam: prepared

and presented by Dr

Khalid Al Madhkr

our

8:30 Wa Qasat Al Arab

(And the Arab said):

daily serial

9:00 News in Arabic

10:00 Al Awantija:

Arabic film starring

Suhair Al Babeli,

Afaf Shuaib, Said

Saleh

11:45 Late Night Variety

Show

1:30 News summary

1:35 World today via

satellite/Holy Qu-

ran/Closedown

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KUWAIT ... GULF**Doctors have to work 50 hours per week**

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health Dr Nael Al Nageeb recently approved new working hours of doctors in various health centres.

The new schedule, effective next month, stipulates a total of 50 hours per week for all doctors including, general practitioners, paediatricians, doctors at child and mother care centres, Dentists, pharmacists, lab technicians and those working in diabetic clinics are also included.

The new 50 hours per week includes the actual working hours in addition to night shifts training hours and is intended to improve medical services.

General practitioners will work for seven hours daily for six days including Thursday in addition to eight hours of night shifts. Doctors in diabetic clinics will work for six hours daily for six days with 10 hours of night shifts and four hours training shifts.

The only exception from the 50 hour week applies to nurses who will work 42 hours per week.

Lenient judgement

THE Criminal Court refrained from passing sentence on a maid who travelled to Kuwait on a forged passport.

The court was told that the maid had previously worked in Kuwait for several years. However, her employer cancelled her residence and sent her back.

The maid altered her cancelled residence and succeeded in returning to Kuwait.

Kuwait participating in youths camp

KUWAIT will participate in the Arab Youths Camp to be held in Egypt from Aug 14 to 31.

The Kuwaiti delegation consists of five students and a supervisor.

The camp will include several sporting, cultural, social and religious activities, and visits to a number of touristic and historical places in Egypt.

The delegation met with the head of school activities department at the Ministry of Education, Khalid Al Harban, who urged the delegation to play an active role in the camp's activities.

Power failure due to technical fault

THE power failure in some areas of Almadhi last Saturday was due to a technical fault in the pressure cable that connects Shuaiba power station with the Fintas area according to the Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Al Rqobah.

The minister denied that any terrorist activity was involved and said the fault was within the security area.

Repaired

The technical teams of the ministry repaired the damage and returned electrical power within a short time and new cables have been installed, he said.

Institute cautious in making investments

THE acting director of Public Institute for Social Security Hamad Al Humaidi said extreme caution is taken in making investments inside and outside Kuwait.

He added these investments are from funds collected by subscriptions of employees. All profits of these investments are reinvested in new projects he added.

The official denied that the institute intends to reduce or increase the value of subscriptions of employees.

On retired employees working in the private sector, Al Humaidi said special conditions apply to retired employees receiving payment from the establishment and private companies simultaneously.

Kuwait helps in building hospital in S. Lebanon

DIRECTOR of the Jabra Health Area and supervisor of the Nabatiyah Kite hospital in South Lebanon Dr Abdul Aziz Khalaf said he was notified that the hospital has started receiving patients.

He disclosed that Kuwait had donated more than KD1 million for constructing and equipping the hospital which was primarily built to serve the inhabitants of South Lebanon.

The concept for establishing the hospital was first mooted after the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon when South Lebanon was cut off from the rest of Lebanon.

As there was no major hospital to serve the area and this endangered the lives of many people the hospital was built with a capacity of 75 beds which can be doubled



Dr Rqobah

Public Authority for Applied Education and Training in the usages and maintenance of electrical utilities.

Iraqi envoy in Amman

AMMAN, Aug 3, (AP): A special Iraqi envoy arrived today on a whirlwind tour to brief Arab leaders on Iraq's position in negotiations to end the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister, Taha Yassin Ramadan delivered a letter to King Hussein on the prospects of Gulf peace, the official Jordan news agency reported.

The news agency said the letter, from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, dealt with the latest developments in the Iran-Iraq war and the ongoing negotiations at the United Nations to implement a ceasefire.

Iran's Ambassador to the UAE, Mustafa Haeri, was in Bahrain today to deliver a message from Iranian President Ali Khamenei to the Amir, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa. The contents of the message were not disclosed.

Period in jail added to service

THE Cassation Court recently ruled that a government employee who spent nine years in jail was not absent from duty and this period should be added to his service at the ministry.

The case occurred over 30 years ago prior to the current labour law which terms jailed employees as having resigned from work.

Reappointed

The employee, Ahmad joined the ministry in July 1954, but, in May 1957 was jailed for nine years. In August 1966, when he was released, the ministry re-appointed him after consulting the Council of Ministers.

Subsequently, Ahmad asked that the period be spent in jail be added to his service in the minis-

try, but, the request was refused.

The ministry took the stand that Ahmad was absent from his work for more than 15 days and was thus terminated from service at the ministry.

However, the Court of First Instance, then the Court of Appeal and finally the Cassation Court ruled against the ministry's stand.

Based

The courts in arriving at their decision, based the judgement on a labour law of 1953 which did not necessarily consider employees as sacked if they were forcibly or against their wish prevented from going to work for over 15 days.

The courts considered that the employee was in fact stopped from going to work.

ROYAL COURT**Amiri audiences**

HH the Amir yesterday received Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah on the occasion of his return to the country yesterday from Baghdad and his report to HH on work of the seven-man Arab League committee in charge of monitoring developments of the Gulf war.

HH also received Somalian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mohamed Ali Horned who conveyed to HH a message from Somalian President Siad Barre.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla yesterday received at his office Deputy Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashid.

HH also received a number of citizens of Public diwan.

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla received yesterday at his office Somalian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr Mohammed Ali Horned and the accompanying delegation on the occasion of his visit to the country. Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Mohammed Al Muzaidi and Somalian ambassador to Kuwait attended the meeting.

Kuwait complains against Iran

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 3, (KUNA): Kuwait today urged the international community to put an end to the Iranian aggressions against its fishing boats sailing in its territorial waters.

On Saturday, July 23, a Kuwaiti fishing boat carrying six Egyptian fishermen engaged in their usual activities north east of Awha island, in Kuwaiti territorial waters, was deliberately attacked by an armed Iranian speedboat which approached from the east.

The attack killed three of the fishermen and wounded the other three.

In a letter to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar distributed as a document of the

Security Council, Kuwait Charge d'Affaires Mohammad Saad Al Salal said: "Kuwait demands that there should be no repetition of such unjustified aggression, which only increases the tension in the region."

He said Kuwait also reserves the right to claim appropriate compensation for the human and material losses resulting from this attack.

Fifth Marine Week opens today

THE Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah will today open the Fifth Marine Week.

The activities have been organised at the Green Island of the Water Front Project and will continue for nine days.

Delegations from the GCC states will participate for the first time since the beginning of the event in 1980.

Activities include a Kuwaiti traditional wedding party, bazaars, children's festival, marine shows and marine arts, he said.

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour will also participate through the summer club members, scouts and members of children's gardens. Additionally, the Fire Department will participate, including the Ministries of Defence and Interior.

The Kuwaiti swimmer Jamal Al Yamani will try and swim 32 kilometres from Kuwait Towers to the venue of the festival.

Kuwait television and radio will transmit the opening of the festival which will include a skiing exhibition and modern sailboats.

Khaled Al Harban and members of the delegation.

Safafir souq has a traditional atmosphere

By Mahmoud Mursi

LKE every old souq in Kuwait, the Safafir souq has a traditional atmosphere and is popular with people who meet each day to discuss their affairs in a Kuwaiti-oriented style.

This souq is considered one of the handicraft markets in Kuwait, and, though, generally empty, sounds of work originating from shops gives one the feeling of activity.

Part

Ghoul Ibrahim, an Iranian who spent 45 years working at the Safafir souq says that it was a part of the old Selah souq before the government removed it.

Old Kuwaiti handicraft experts worked at the market a long time ago and he said he started his first job at the souq working along with members of the Al Safar family. However, now, the market has only Indian, Iranian and Pakistani workers.

He specialises in making coffee mortars and varnishing kitchen items and said he pays KD70



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One dies as land caves in

By Salem Al Wawan

AN IRANIAN worker died and another is in coma after the ground they were working on caved in.

The accident occurred as the two men were repairing a broken water pipe in the Sulaihah area last morning.

According to reports, the owners of a house on Tuesday informed the emergency department of the Ministry of Water and Electricity that the water pipe to her house had broken and accordingly water supply was cut off.

The two Iranian workers came to repair the pipe when the land suddenly collapsed burying both the workers. One, seriously injured later died at the Orthopaedic Hospital while the other went into a coma and is being treated.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

PEACE comes from within. Do not seek it without.—
Buddha (about 563 BC—483 BC).

King Hussein's West Bank move Pressure mounts on Palestinians

By Carol Giacomo

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): King Hussein's decision to abandon old claims to the West Bank seems designed to force the Palestine Liberation Organisation to take responsibility for Middle East peace-making, US analysts said on Monday.

"It has to shift the burden on [to] the PLO," said Clyde Marks, a Middle East expert with the US Library of Congress. "They become the main negotiators, the guardians of the Palestinian cause."

While most experts interviewed by Reuters believe the peace plan authored by Secretary of State George Shultz is effectively dead, they said Hussein's action could be an important step in resolving for the future a thorny obstacle to Middle East peace — who will represent Palestinians?

Said former US State Department official James Placke: "I think Hussein is just fed up and decided to let them [Palestinians] stew in their own juice, being confident the PLO will not be an effective leader."

Plan

Shultz, in the plan he initiated last February, cast Jordan as the prime negotiator for the Palestinians at peace talks with Israel under an international conference.

The plan failed to garner serious support, however, in large part because Palestinians, backed by Arab states, insisted their only legitimate representative was the PLO, with which Israel and the United States refuse to deal because they consider it a terrorist organisation.

Hussein, under increasing attack for Jordan's role in the West Bank since Palestinians there began an uprising against Israeli occupiers last December, has appeared frustrated and concerned at his loss of political clout.

"From time to time he gets to the point where he feels he can't do anything more. The frustration builds up (but his response has) never been as dramatic as this," one US official told Reuters.

Hussein announced on Sunday he was ending 38 years of administrative and legal ties with the West Bank in deference to PLO demands for an independent Palestinian state.

Burkina Faso still in the shadow of Sankara

By Brian Killen

OUAGADOUGOU, (Reuters): Burkina Faso celebrates the fifth anniversary of its revolution this week still in the shadow of the late President Thomas Sankara, the flamboyant Army captain slain in a coup last October.

Western diplomats said political uncertainty in Burkina Faso, which changed its name from Upper Volta in 1983 and is one of the world's poorest nations, could put a damper on today's August 4 festivities.

The date is still associated with Sankara, who seized power five years ago and captured the imagination of the people with his unorthodox rule.

"There will be just as much slogan-chanting and clenched fist gesturing at this year's celebrations but the public might not be so enthusiastic as in the past," one diplomat said.

The new leader, Captain Blaise Compaore, differs from his predecessor in style and personality. He is much quieter and more pragmatic. Sankara was a fine speaker and very popular with young people who saw him as a symbol of the revolution.

Attacked

Compaore, a 36-year-old paratrooper, has openly attacked Sankara for his autocratic style.

The most complete denunciation was contained in a booklet distributed to foreign journalists recently explaining how and why the leader of the 1983 revolution was overthrown.

Entitled "Memorandum on the events of October 15, 1987," the detailed and complicated 48-page document gave the official version of the plots and counter-plots which it said led to the coup and Sankara's death.

"Isolated by the people, who

Expatriates are exploited

SIR: The chief minister of Kerala state, India, has advertised in the local press (AT July 31) soliciting contributions from Gulf expatriates to raise a fund to compensate the bereaved families of those who perished in the tragic Perumon train accident on July 8.

Presumably, similar advertisements might have appeared in other countries where there are expatriate communities.

The cause is indeed laudable and deserves co-operation on humanitarian grounds.

However, how many grievances (including the much debated unjustified air fare and insignificant duty-free allowance which over the years continue to be a fuming volcano) of the oppressed Gulf expatriates have been redressed by the present or the past governments (both state and central) except when someone raises an issue at random (obviously under motivated pressure) in the Parliament or state assembly and leaves it just as it is until pressure mounts again?

Expatriates have always been and are their milking cow, panacea for financial problems and paradoxically the most neglected, the most exploited. Everybody needs his petro-dollars, let what may happen to him and his problems either in hell or in heaven.

It would perhaps have been more appropriate if such official appeals (if at all necessary) were released through the Indian embassy, the representative body of our country.

Notwithstanding those cooperating better issue relief stamps and let each family in Kerala donate rupee one or more and the contribution of the Gulf expatriates, will automatically become included in the same (of course, with due regard to proper accounting as otherwise it would spell yet another catastrophe).

C.K. Satyajit, Safat.

The traffic department must have clarified the traffic procedure to the public. Nevertheless seeing a car which came at a screeching halt recently behind a car which had stopped at the sign, I felt I must bring this problem to the attention of the traffic department.

Sayed Mahboob Shah, Safat.

Stop signs ignored

SIR: On my arrival in Kuwait after a long stay abroad, I found "Stop" signs painted on the roads at appropriate places. It is a very important safety measure for drivers. Wherever this system is put into practice it dramatically reduces the number of accidents. It has prevented many head-on collisions.

Readers may know that in the USA and in most other countries, drivers have to come to a complete stop at these signs. They have to stop irrespective of whether they see a car coming or not. Stopping is mandatory.

In Kuwait, according to my observation, the drivers generally don't stop. They merely slow down or when they see the road clear, drive on with speed.

Those who stop at these "Stop" signs are in danger of being hit by the car coming from behind. I urge the traffic department to make it clear whether car drivers have to come to a complete stop or they are required to stop only if they see a car coming from the other side and the driver senses danger.

Although it is often claimed that "statistics" can be used to prove just about anything, in this case I think you might be stretching a point.

Richard H. Cuthbert, Safat.

Tuition fees exorbitant

SIR: This refers to John C. Davies' letter "Judge by the achievements" (AT, July 7-8).

It seems Davies is quite a lucky man. Probably, he works in one of the companies that pays tuition fees for three children up to 16 years old.

The fees for them can come to about KD4,800 per year. It is no secret that parents who do not pay tuition fees from their own incomes would not even bother if the schools charged KD100,000. It bothers them when they have to pay from their own pockets for other school activities.

On an average students have to pay KD50 to KD1,300 per year. In return, the schools provide them with an average of one or one and half teacher per class of 35 students for a 14-day school term.

The schools spend about KD750 per class per month. They easily make a staggering KD25,000 per year class or KD1.5 million per year. It is no secret that the Ministry of Education allows the schools to increase their profit by five per cent, apart from summer classes.

At this rate, it will soon be profitable to send our children schooling on the moon.

Zin Mar Way, Safat.

Using Sinhalese

SIR: It's very funny to receive a post card from the Kuwait Airways office in Colombo in Sinhalese language only. Even Sri Lanka's national air carrier Air Lanka never sends any letters in Sinhalese. Then why should the Kuwait Airways follow this abnormal procedure?

What happened to English or Arabic?

The staff of the Kuwait Airways in Colombo are not decent or polite enough. They are very rude to visitors and they mostly speak in Sinhalese. Not English. If they find a visitor who can't speak in Sinhalese he or she will get step-motherly treatment from the Kuwait Airways staff in Colombo.

I hope the Kuwait Airways authorities will take the necessary steps to follow the international standard of airlines.

B. Benjamin Safat.



never appeared in the newspapers. When enquired, the in-charge of one of the participating shops said that it would appear in the newspapers. But so far nothing.

Similar is the case with the beverage industry.

Canada Dry has not announced the list of winners. Another farce is the RC's label inside the crown. Nobody has seen nor heard it matching.

Such farce beguiles customers into buying things, services, even if there is no such need, tempted by the prizes. Authorities should look into such practices.

But there are exceptions like the draws often conducted by The Sultan Centre. The draws are conducted on the announced dates and in the presence of the clients.

A victim.
(Name and address supplied)

Winners' list never published

SIR: Some establishments in Kuwait announce in newspapers wide range of prizes like car, air tickets, etc., against coupons given for purchases of their products/services.

But even after weeks of the lottery draw date, the list of the winners is never announced in the newspapers.

Thousands of people bought household/electronic goods from Muthanna Complex and exchanged invoices against coupons. But the winners' list

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Israeli cash sweep is newest front for Palestinian uprising

By Peter Smerdon

BEIT SAHOUR, West Bank, (Reuters): Israel has turned a new bureaucratic weapon against the Palestinian uprising in its occupied territories.

Israeli authorities are sweeping towns for cash from taxes, car licences and identity cards in an effort they say will show Palestinians the more they take up civil disobedience, the more Israel will reward.

Boycott

Palestinians, eight months into an anti-Israeli uprising, have boycotted tax payments and — among residents like the 9,000 townspeople of Beit Sahour — have set up "popular committees" as a bureaucratic alternative to Israeli control.

Leaders of the 1.5 million Palestinians counter that the harder Israel pushes, the more people will turn to civil disobedience.

Tax collectors, escorted by troops, have visited towns and villages, demanding overdue payments or confiscating identi-

ty cards or property. Roadblocks have also been set up at which drivers are ordered to produce evidence of payment of taxes.

"You cannot imagine how angry the people are," mayor Elias Freij of the West Bank town of Bethlehem told Reuters. "I called for an end to this punishment but it just gets worse and worse."

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Mending fences with US

Syria tightens grip on Lebanon to maintain status

By Michael Kuli

BEIRUT, (Reuters): Syria has tightened its grip over Lebanon in the past three months to reinforce its role as a major power in the Middle East, political sources say.

Tebay said Syria had carried out a "military and political purge" of the territory under its control, which comprises about 65 per cent of Lebanon, uprooting Palestinian groups and curbing the power of pro-Iranian militants.

The crackdown was helping Syrian President Hafez Al Assad in his efforts to mend fences with the United States, which has long regarded Damascus as a "terrorist" regime and intransigent opponent of compromise, by Sept 23.

One sign of a shift in Syria's tactics ahead of the election was a meeting between Assad and Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, the sources said.

Meeting

A presidential side described it as the first "serious meeting" between the two heads of state since 1986, when Gemayel refused to endorse a Syrian-sponsored peace pact concluded by rival Christian, Shi'ite and Druze militiamen.

The sources said Assad's supporters had influence over the election, namely Syria, the United States and the Christians. No single party could independently steer the election its way, but each had a veto power.

Diplomats in Beirut told Reuters the United States had passed word to local and foreign forces in Lebanon that the election should be held peacefully.

Chaos

They said the international community wanted a government capable of controlling the chaos which had adversely affected many Western countries, most spectacularly in the kidnapping plaguing Beirut.

Washington wanted a basically pro-Western president who was favoured by the Christians, enjoyed Syria's blessing and was backed by the Muslims, they said.

"The Americans do not want to antagonise the Syrians, but they are keen the Syrians do not have full control of Lebanon or strengthen their influence in the region," one independent parliamentarian said.

Political sources speak of a deal between US envoy Vernon Walters and Assad under which Syria would assume responsibility for containing the Shi'ite fundamentalists of Hezbollah in return for improved relations with Washington, including the restoration of Western financial aid.

Syrian troops were sent into Beirut's southern suburbs on May 27 to end three weeks of savage inter-Shi'ite fighting, a move which reduced the influence of the radical pro-Iranian Hezbollah.

Zhao Ziyang may head China's military

By Guy Dimmore

BEIJING, China, (Reuters): Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang has moved a step closer to holding supreme power in China after enjoying the limelight in National Army Day celebrations, diplomats said on Monday.

Pictures of Zhao in a business suit presenting medals to war veterans and his speech in the Great Hall of the People dominated the front pages of major newspapers on Sunday and Monday and weekend television news.

"Zhao was the central figure. He has been placed firmly in the public eye as the future head of the military," a Western diplomat commented.

Zhao, 69, was made party leader last year and is widely seen as heir apparent to 83-year-old Deng Xiaoping. Deng kept his hold on the military by remaining head of the Central Military Commission in a major party

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the
Arab Times

Top stars at the crossroads

Rekha, Jeetendra revive flagging careers

THERE comes a stage in a star's life which may be called a plateau. The artist is not professionally dead and yet there is no sign of activity or future progress. There are films gathering dust, either incomplete or unsold. New offers that come with hesitation are of a lower standard.

At such a time a star is at the cross-roads. And yet, if he or she steers the wagon on the high road of success again, then hats off to them, indeed. Such a stage was recently reached by Rekha and Jeetendra. And right now both are trying their best to recharge the batteries and emerge successful again.

Sometime back, Rekha faced about half a dozen flops. Producers shied away from her. The affair with Amitabh which she had taken seriously had also not borne fruit. For Amit, a second marriage was out of the question. Rekha had crossed her prime of youth and also the peak of her career, with super-hits as well as excellent roles in films like *Umrao Jani*.

People in the industry also saw a big line of Rekha's films lying stranded due to one fault or the other, including her own.

Jeetendra and Rekha in a dramatic moment in *Souten Ki Beti*.

Jazat received a limited release, only after tax exemption. But what about *Aag Ka Dariya*

with Dilip Kumar, Musafir with Naseeruddin, Dushman Dost with Rajesh Khanna and

Sbatruhan Sinha. *Ek Naya Rishta* with Raj Kiran and Marc Zuber and *Shatruts* with Vinod Khanna.

Two old films with Rakesh Roshan, Baburani and *Sabak* have been indefinitely stuck in production. Even Manoj Kumar's *Clerk* is taking ages to complete. Director Mohan Shigal who gave the first big break to Rekha has finished *Kasam Sabag Ki* with her, but peculiar problems have hampered its release. Mahesh Bhatt's *Rakshak* with Vinod plus Hema Malini is not progressing.

Fading

Rekha felt that she was fading and that too before time, while she still had lot of acting potential left. Thus she sent alarm signals to her former friends and lovers, and an inviting call to others.

The first to respond was Rakesh Roshan, fresh from the success of *Khudgarz*. He had just seen the American TV serial *Return to Eden* and found its first eight episodes excellent material for the Indian screen. On seeing Rekha's finger on the panic button, he decided to cast her in the heroine-oriented tale

of revenge. It is the story of a simple woman who puts total trust in her second husband and a girl who is their common friend. She is an heiress to a huge fortune, so the husband's crooked mind plans a murder. He pushes her in a river to face a crocodile and the girlfriend is an eye witness. Luckily she survives, though with a disfigured face. An old man rescues her, cures her and even gives her some jewellery.

She undergoes plastic surgery, when the doctor becomes her friend. After a very painful process, she regains normalcy. Then she goes for beauty treatment and also takes to fashion modelling, with a top photographer, to hit the covers of glossy magazines. It is all to lure her playboy — husband who cannot recognise her. She only wants to bring home the reality to the wrong-doer. But it drives him to his doom in an air-crash. She comes back to her two children and the doctor marries her.

For the Hindi version, there are of course some compulsory changes. Kahir Bedi plays the negative role of the hubby, so there is no regular hero, though Shatrughan Sinha and Rakesh Roshan (back with the handsome wig) play key roles. The vendetta tale is strong, with Rekha's transformations as the highlight.

Reports

As the film was being shot, rave reports were let loose about Rekha's superb acting and her capacity to look glamorous. Nothing succeeds like a good word. And now the actress has a dozen films in her bag and is busy all over again. Apart from *Biwi Ho To Aisi* on the verge of release, there are *Madam X*, *Anaya*, *Azaad Desh Ke Ghulam* and *Ladi*.

The Sippy father-son have signed her for *Bharatavarsh* opposite Mithun. And she is doing three films with Jeetendra: *Sheeshnaag* on the lines of *Nagina* has Rishi Kapoor too. *Souten Ki Beti* has Jeetendra sandwiched between Rekha

and Jaya Prada and *Asoolon Ki Jung* is an action drama.

Rekha's bid for the last round may bring her yet another few accolades.

Exactly the same condition is faced by Jeetendra who had remained steady over the years but was recently on the decline. There were too many people to share the success of *Khudgarz* and his own brother's *Tamasha* was a huge failure. In his case, too, producers thought that he was no longer young or capable of acting feats. The biggest blow to his career was that his films with Sridevi flopped, leading to a split. *Bhanupriya* also proved unlucky and inferior as a heroine.

His films too have been held up, like *Daav Pech* and *Mar Mitenge* with Bhanu, and Mithun, *Nafrat Ki Aandhi* with Anita Raj, Madhvi and Dharmendra and *Sone Pe Suhaga* again with Dharm, Anil Kapoor and Sridevi. Still incomplete are *Aag Se Kholenge*, *Aasman Se Oonchi*, *Kasam Vardi Ki*, *Mamta Ka* years back.

Mandir, Sahara, Zahreely etc.

Jeetendra then tried to turn the tables and also turn the corner. He gathered round his friends and made a plea. He also snapped up two important roles where he could show his acting prowess. *New Delhi*, a songless political film with the South's Sumala and Urvashi, based on the Malayalam hit, is a big gamble for him, which may pay off like *Meri Awaz Suno* some

years back.

Accused

It has Jeetendra in a powerful role as a crusading journalist fighting corruption. His girl friend Maria while taking part in a Republic Day parade becomes a rape victim to two politicians. He fails to expose them and becomes paralysed at the hands of their goondas.

He is also falsely accused of the same rape and first sent to a mad-house and then jail, where he meets four more innocent victims. On becoming free, he starts a new paper with the help of Maria and her younger sis-

ter. The four prisoners run away and join them to take a vial revenge on the evil politicians. Jeetendra has high hopes for *New Delhi* (the title could be changed to "Akbari Faista") and says it will make him soar higher as an actor than a star.

He also took up another off-beat, and anti-establishment role in *Kanwarlal* as a Robin Hood type mafia chief, pitted against Raj Bahar as a corrupt politician and Sujata Mehta tossing between them. This role also has a lot of drama and action. The blurs coming out from the sets declared Jeetendra's acting as top class. Soon, producers started signing him again and he has ten films on hand, including big and multi-star types.

They are *Jai Shiv Shankar*, *Rambhoomi*, *Jung Aur Aman*, *Aastim Yudh*, *Asoolon Ki Jung* etc. In many films he has Babbar as a co-star. And finally, his films with Rekha, *Sheeshnaag* and *Souten Ki Beti* may also do wonders for him.

Ramayana series demonstrates power of TV to mesmerise masses

Fade-out for long-running soap opera

By Adam Kelliher

BOMBAY, India (UPI): The ancient Hindu god Rama is being crowned this weekend to climax an 18-month-long religious soap opera that has revealed television's immense potential to captivate the disparate masses of India.

If past viewings are any indication, the 45-minute Sunday morning finale of 'Ramayana' — its 78th episode — should leave streets empty and shops closed as millions of Indians tune in from the mountains of northern Kashmir to the jungles of southern Kerala.

"We are seeing our god," said Bipin Nayak, 8, one of an estimated 200 million regular viewers. "Everyone in school talks about 'Ramayana.' No one misses it."

The weekly programme blazed new trails by televising an ancient Hindu epic, the story of lord Rama and his odyssey to rescue abducted maiden Sita from the wicked demon king of Lanka and be restored as the right king of Ayodhya.

'Ramayana' has shown television's potential to transcend the divisions among the 800 million people living in one of the world's most diverse nations.

"Christians have enjoyed it and Muslims have enjoyed it," said A.S. Grewal, deputy director general of the state-run Doordarshan's network, notoriously dull until this series. "It cuts across religious barriers."

Crowds of city dwellers who cannot afford TV sets cluster at electronics stores to glimpse the programme. In isolated settlements the devout perform purification rituals before gathering around a village's single set, which is garlanded with flowers and powered by a portable generator.

Riots have been sparked by transmission breakdowns. Police in northern Punjab last week charged with batons to disperse some 1,200 stone-throwing Hindus demanding the series be extended.

"Ramayana" is changing the lives of people," said director Ramanand Sagar in a recent

interview. "Human beings cannot do this." He attributed its phenomenal success to "the grace of some power above."

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"It's simply the lowest common denominator," said TV reviewer Amita Malik. "This is one of the world's best epics, yet this programme is the worst kind of Bombay kitsch, of commercial mythology."

Arun Govil, who plays the lead role of lord Rama, said he gave up drinking and smoking to avoid disappointing those who believe he really is a divine being.

"People really have taken me as a reincarnation, that sort of thing," the swarthy actor said.

Production sets in remote locations are flooded with thousands of faithful. Rumours abound that Govil has been responsible for miracle cures.

In June Govil took to the hustings on behalf of the ruling Congress (I) party, telling voters the election in northern Uttar Pradesh was actually a battle between god and evil.

The ploy backfired. Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's party was routed by the opposition.

"Voters ... were politically astute enough not to succumb to the charms of the saffron-clad, fair-faced hero of television's supersoap," said the Illustrated Weekly of India.

Some analysts believe the series has been a force of division rather than unity. Ramayana has incited Hindu fundamentalists calling for India to abandon its position as a secular state and declare itself a Hindu nation.

However, media experts contend most viewers have taken the programme purely as entertainment value. Sagar is selling videos of his series, mostly to expatriate Indians living in North America. And there is another Hindu epic to come.

In October, Doordarshan launches a 52-episode series of the "Mahabharata," another ancient legend rich in damsels, drama and bloodshed in the eternal conflict between vice and virtue.



Farha: thinking of new ways to malign an ex-lover

magazines. In return Farha would get roles for her in new films. But Geetika could not follow this exchange plan, as Sethi offered her a role.

After the success of heroines as snakes, those heroes who are romantic with reptiles are Dharmendra in *Jals Kar Raakht Kar Doonga*, Jeetendra and Rishi in *Sheeshnaag*, Sunny in *Nigahen*, Rajeev

Kapoor in *Naag Nagin* and many more. We are waiting now for heroes to insist on playing snakes."

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QUESTION: You recently answered a question about unwanted hair growth on women but you didn't say much about how to treat it. Please expand.

ANSWER: While hirsutism (excessive hair growth on a woman's body) often is considered to be a purely cosmetic problem, actually it is a medical one. Hirsutism most frequently results from high levels of androgen (any substances, such as testicular hormones, that causes masculinizing effects). Other conditions that can be caused by excess androgen include acne, menstrual irregularities and/or infertility.

Additionally, there are medications that are known to cause unwanted hair growth, plus such things as certain types of cysts, thyroid abnormalities and other conditions.

There are, of course, medicines that have proved to be very helpful for reducing unwanted hair growth but as these medications also can have unwanted side effects, your physician will maintain a close watch as you are treated. Among medications currently used are drugs estrogens — usually in the form of a combination oral contraceptive product.

FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

MEDICATION CAN REDUCE WOMEN'S UNWANTED HAIR GROWTH

take estrogens, other treatments use a class of medicines called glucocorticoids which decrease androgen secretion in the body.

But here too there are some restrictions. Anyone who suffers from ulcers, diabetes, psychiatric disorders, active infections or who is specifically allergic to this class of medication must be cautioned about their use.

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The above cartoon appeared in the Times of India, when in June, the ruling Congress (I) party used Arun Govil to campaign on their behalf for the Allahabad bye-election.

Laughter: the best medicine

By Ian Brown

A SURGEON was taking a well-earned break in a country hotel, when his holiday was ruined by a fellow guest who bombarded him with questions about his medical problems and how they should be treated.

That night, the surgeon phoned a friend who was a solicitor. 'Can I get my own back by charging this pest a fee for consultation?' he asked.

Certainly,' said the surgeon's friend. 'After all, the man approached you for a professional opinion.'

The surgeon was delighted — until the following week when he received a bill from his solicitor friend 'for professional services'.

That's just one of the hundreds of hilarious medical stories in a new book* by Graeme Garden, who is both a doctor and a well-known British comedian. Royalties from the book are going to research into the treatment of crippled children.

Another of his tales is that of a doctor who called out a plumber at three o'clock in the morning to deal with a blocked lavatory. The bleary-eyed plumber turned up, dropped two aspirins into the bowl and said: 'If it's no better tomorrow, give me a call' then went home.

Then there's the one about the relatives who gathered around a bedside to pay their final respects. 'Your colour's better,' one of them told the patient. 'The doctor says your heart's much stronger,' said another and a third added: 'You seem to be breathing much more easily.'

Replied the patient: 'Well, it's reassuring to know that I'm going to die cured.'

On the other hand, there was the doctor who presented his bill to the executor of the will of one of his patients and asked whether he wished to have it sworn to.

'No need,' the doctor was informed. 'My late client's death is sufficient evidence that you attended him professionally.'

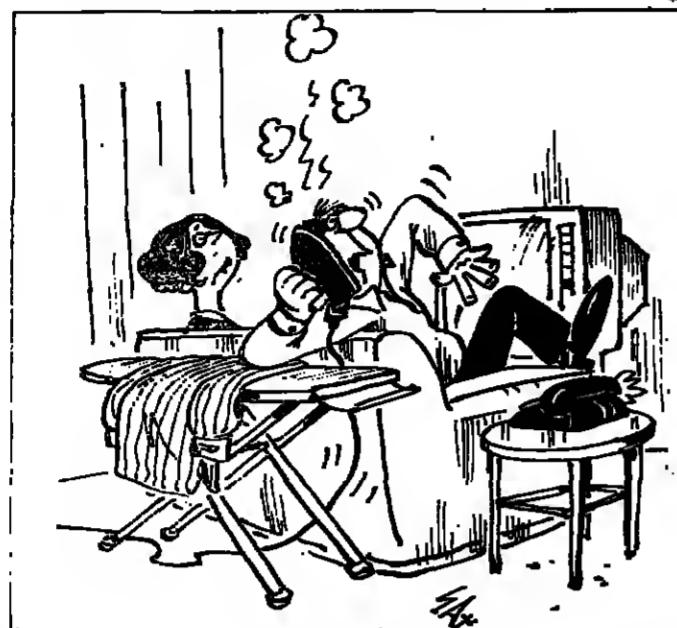
A patient suffering from insomnia was told by his doctor to be sure that she never went to bed on an empty stomach.

'But you once told me never to eat before going to bed,' replied the puzzled patient.

'That was last year,' said the doctor. 'Medicine has made enormous advances since then.'

Another doctor asked a patient who had come to see him with two badly burned ears. 'What has happened to

The medical profession has more than its fair share of funny stories. Like the psychiatrist who specialised in treating schizophrenics ... because he could get paid twice.



Another patient told his psychiatrist that he kept thinking he was a dog.

Psychiatrist: 'How long have you felt like this?'

Patient: 'Ever since I was a puppy.'

Psychiatrist: 'Just lie down on the couch.'

Patient: 'I'm not allowed on the furniture.'

One psychiatrist asked another: 'Why do you specialise in treating schizophrenics?'

Replied his colleague: 'To what other patient can you send two bills a month and get away with it?'

'But what happened to the other ear?'

'Just as I hung up the phone rang again.'

Graeme Garden also tells of a book that came on the market called *The Hypochondriac's Almanac*. The blurb billed it as 'the ideal gift for the person who has everything.'

Doctor: 'Mrs Hartnoll, I have good news for you.'

Patient: 'Excuse me, but it's Miss Hartnoll.'

Doctor: 'In that case I have bad news for you.'

Many of the jokes in the book are naturally at the expense of psychiatrists. One definition of psychiatry is given as 'the care of the id by the odd.'

A woman who had been undergoing psychiatric treatment for some time asked her psychiatrist if it would be alright for her to go to Venice for a short holiday and was given her blessing.

He received a postcard from her. It read: 'Having a wonderful time. Why?'

A psychiatrist asked a new patient: 'Tell me something about yourself from the beginning.'

The patient replied: 'In the beginning, I created Heaven and Earth...'

Garden has collected many of the best stories from colleagues and friends centre around operations.

One patient told a surgeon: 'I'm terrified. This is the first operation I've ever had.'

The surgeon replied: 'I know just how you feel. This is the first operation I've ever done.'

Another patient asked the surgeon: 'Are you sure this operation can be performed successfully?'

'That's what we're about to find out,' was the answer.

A doctor told a patient that his operation would cost £600, and the patient asked if it would not be possible to have done for nearer £300.

Said the doctor: 'It might be, but the surgeon will have to use blunt instruments.'

'What kind of job do you do?' an elderly lady asked a man travelling with her on train.

I'm a naval surgeon,' he replied.

'Goodness,' said the lady. 'How you doctors specialise these days.'

Surgeon to colleague: 'We operated just in time. A couple more days and he would have been removed without us.'

And what did the woman say when she climbed out of the plastic surgeon's chair? Thanks for the lift.'

A suspicious patient said to his surgeon: 'That other doctor doesn't seem to share your diagnosis.' The surgeon replied: 'I know, but your post mortem will prove that I am right.'

One neighbour said to another: 'It looks as if my husband will be in hospital for some time.'

'Why, have you seen the doctors?'

No, I've seen the nurses.'

Said a surgeon: 'From my observation, Miss Thomas, you have acute appendicitis.'

Patient: 'I'll thank you to keep remarks like that to yourself. I came here to be cured — not admired.'

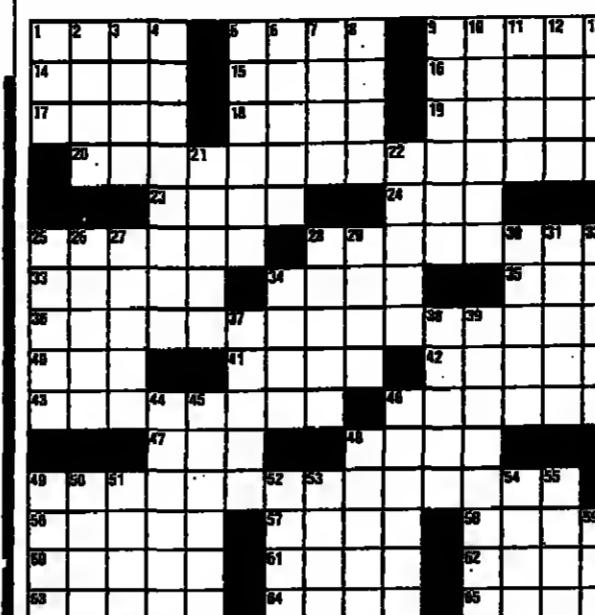
Even the late actor, W.C. Fields, apparently a devout non-believer who was discovered towards the end of his life reading the Bible, gets a mention. When a friend asked why, he explained: 'I'm looking for loop-holes.'

And there's more... a managing director received this letter from the company secretary: 'Your colleagues on the Board have asked me to send you good wishes for your speedy recovery. This motion was passed by twelve votes to eleven?'

Then there was the man who went to see a psychiatrist about his sister. She keeps breaking thermometers,' he told him, 'drinks the mercury and throws the glass away.'

* The Best Medicine. By Graeme Garden, published by Coronet Books. £1.95.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Playwright Connally
5 Treads the boards
9 Written matter
14 Toast topping
15 Met's turf
16 Ladies' man
17 Horace or Thomas
18 "Arno, amaz, I love a —"
19 Westminster, for one
20 Vicinity
23 Ready to eat
24 Soak flex
25 Cancel
28 Texas symbol
34 Points of attraction
35 Hasted
36 Flees
40 Simors'a summer
41 Burden
42 Map addendum
43 Sweets
44 Actress Lupino
48 Part of MIT
50 Innocent onna
56 Scrap tha mission
57 Hebrides' island
58 Peruse
60 Artistic style
61 Type of fly or hound
62 Prudent and wise one
63 Stand one in good —

44 — Leone
45 Blue-penciled
46 Look out!
48 Principle
49 Snare
50 Aid in a way
51 Type of china
52 Current
53 Works in the garden
54 Start a poker game
55 Norse prose
59 Bruin's quarters

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2 King of comedy
3 Descrates
4 Foundation material
5 Inclined
6 Abrade
7 Make certain
8 Window part
9 Check signer
10 Part of R.U.R.
11 Pulpit of yore
12 Provide dinner
13 — in the Attic
21 Spring fliers
22 Sesame Street muppet
25 Pass
26 Please greatly
27 A Minnesota claim to fame
28 Fruit of contentment?
29 Newspaper publisher Adolf
—, 1858-1935
30 Not these
31 Lent a hand
32 Sits a spell
34 Baptismal basin
35 Entrance to a Buddhist temple
38 Ham's response
39 Like a place of little importance

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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STAMPING	GROUNDOS	SEXTET
HAY ENOUE	GAZE	AISLE
EDILES	TIDY	AURE
ALINE	SINE BET	STAMPING
STANO	AROBEARERS	GROUNDOS
TONO	CHAIR ULNA	HAY
ANEW	TOKAY BAER	ENOUE



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

PREPARE FOR THE WORST

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

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♥ J 5
♦ 8 5 3 2
♣ 9 4 3 2

WEST

♦ A Q 10 9 5 4 3 ♠ J 7 6
♥ 2 ♦ Q 10 9 4 3
♦ Q ♦ 7 4
♣ K 8 7 6 ♣ A 10 5

EAST

♦ Void
♥ A K 8 7 6
♦ A K J 10 9 6
♣ Q J

SOUTH

♦ Void
♥ A K 8 7 6
♦ A K J 10 9 6
♣ Q J

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass Pass

4 ♠ Pass 5 ♦ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Six of ♠

Life imitates art, wrote Oscar Wilde. A few weeks ago we remarked that pessimists do well at the bridge table. This philosophy was highlighted by the following hand from the recent Spring North American Championships in Buffalo.

Because of the vagaries of duplicate scoring, most North-South pairs played in some number of

hearts. Almost all were too high because of the terrible trump break. At some tables, however, North-South reached five diamonds, and the result depended on the degree of care exercised by declarer.

At the table we watched, Arlene Thompson, of Ft. Worth, Texas, became declarer on the auction shown. West got her side off to its best start with a club lead. Declarer ruffed the third round, and drew one round of trumps, noting the fall of West's queen. Those who foresaw no problem drew another trump and then started on hearts. Now they could ruff only two hearts and, because of the 5-1 split still had to concede a heart for down one.

Thompson took the trump queen at face value. To protect against the possibility that West was short in both red suits, she abandoned trumps and cashed the ace-king of hearts. When West discarded a spade on the second heart, declarer was able to ruff all three of her heart losers, using spade ruffs as entries back to hand, to make her contract.

Incidentally, if you think West's hand is far too strong for a weak trump overall, so do we! Note that East-West can take 10 tricks at a spade contract as the cards lie.

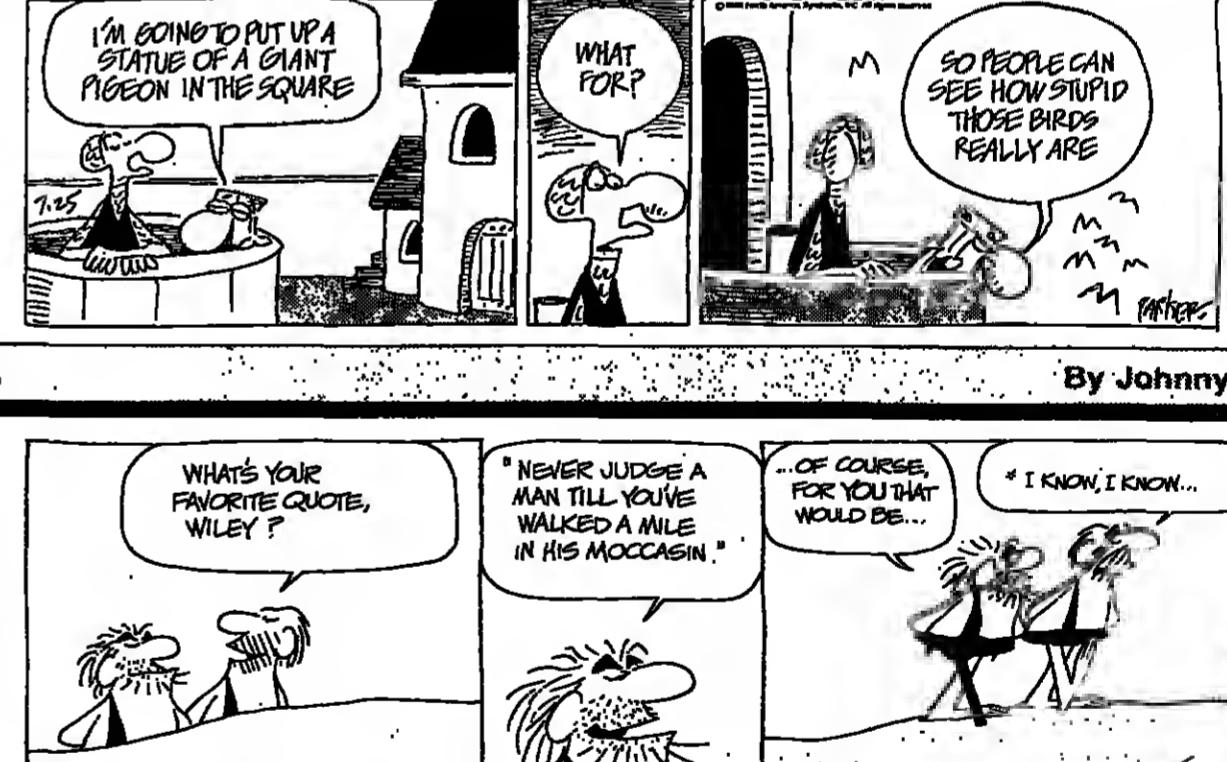
At face value. To protect against the possibility that West was short in both red suits, she abandoned trumps and cashed the ace-king of hearts. When West discarded a spade on the second heart, declarer was able to ruff all three of her heart losers, using spade ruffs as entries back to hand, to make her contract.

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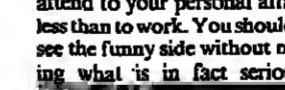
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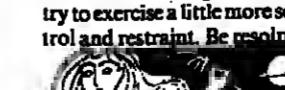
Aries (March 21 - April 19)
You should not waste time on secondary matters just now. The situation will tend to be a little confused and you will have to exercise caution. Make sure you show your partner all the affection you feel. Be moderate.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
The prospects are good but you must not try to rush things nor be tardy about them. You should attend to your personal affairs no less than to work. You should try to see the funny side without neglecting what is in fact serious.



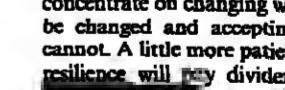
Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Not everything is to your satisfaction but you will be able to adjust yourself to what has to be. You will also be able to change what can be changed. You should try to exercise a little more self-control and restraint. Be positive.



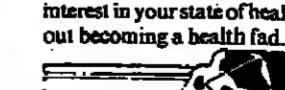
Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
You will tend to tire rather more easily and should try to conserve your energies. Do not attempt to shut your eyes and ears to the truth. Try to see the reality underneath appearances. Be considerate.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
You will get the support of a friend of yours and should show your appreciation. You should concentrate on changing what can be changed and accepting what cannot. A little more patience and resilience will bring dividends.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
All is fairly well but you should not become complacent. Do not expect everyone to be interested in your every word. You should not leave things to chance. Be respectful.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 18)
You will find it easier to stick to what is practical and useful. You should make sure you do not allow your affairs to get into disorder. You should consider the alternatives more carefully before making up your mind. Be moderate.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Baghdad slashes its imports

Iraq could expand oil export capacity

By Jadranka Porter

IRAQ could expand its oil export capacity to more than 4 million barrels per day (BPD) by 1990, according to foreign analysts in Baghdad.

This would increase Iraq's annual oil revenue earning capacity to \$21 billion in 1990, say the conservative reports, while the more optimistic forecasters see the figure rising to \$25 billion at current oil prices.

The 4 million BPD projection does not take into account exports through an offshore pipeline or Iraqi ports which have been heavily damaged in the

eight-year-long Gulf war.

Iraq is the second largest OPEC oil producer with current export capacity of 2.75 million BPD.

In the second quarter of 1988 the Arab state was pumping 2.5 million BPD of which 300,000 barrels were for domestic consumption. If maintained at an average of 2.5 million BPD its oil exports will generate more than \$13 billion revenue this year.

Exports of phosphates, natural gas, fertilizers, cement and dates could add another \$300 million a year to government coffers.

Baghdad has cut its oil produc-

tion by 300,000 barrels in a bid to support oil prices. But it remained firmly outside the OPEC quota system. Iraq could do so only with the consent of the Arab countries, especially the Gulf states which have continually supported it in the Gulf war, the analysts say.

Projections

The projections of 4 million BPD in 1990 made before Iran's announcement that it would accept a UN resolution calling for a ceasefire, are based on Iraq's overland export capacity.

There are plans for 2.37 million BPD to be pumped through Turkish lines, t.65

million BPD through Saudi Arabia's Ipsi I and Ipsi II which is scheduled for completion in 1990, and 0.15 million BPD to be transported by truck.

Plans

This breakdown is based on plans announced earlier this year, according to which the current pipeline through Turkey would be expanded to carry 3 million BPD, up from current 1.5 million BPD. There are also plans to construct a pipeline from Kirkuk to Batman in Turkey which will pump 300,000 BPD and a small line from Ain Zain to Batman with a capacity of 70,000 BPD.

Iraq, strapped by a \$60 billion international debt, is in desperate need of additional funds to meet its financial commitments and reconstruction projects, once the war ends.

Facing a crisis Iraq began a programme of economic reform in 1987. It successfully curtailed imports, rescheduled its debts and improved efficiency of banking.

Baghdad slashed its imports of commercial goods from \$20 billion in 1981 to about \$12 billion in 1988. Last year Iraq had a positive trade balance of over \$1 billion and according to the more optimistic forecasts

Iraq's current account could be in the black by 1989.

Underpinning Iraq's economic potential are its large proven oil reserves of 100 billion barrels in addition to 45 billion barrels of unproven reserves.

Funds

But if Iraq, in search of additional funds, floods the oil market in the post-war period it could cause a further decline in oil prices thus hurting its OPEC partners, including those who had supported its war effort. This is why analysts are inclined to believe that the Arab countries will not press Iraq to return some \$35 billion Baghdad owes them.

World Business Summary

Soviet harvest better than in 1987

MOSCOW, Aug 3. (Reuter): A Soviet agricultural official said today this year's harvest was progressing well and farmers were bringing in more grain than in 1987. Alexander Zholobov of the state Agro-Industrial Committee (Gosagroprom) told the Tass news agency harvesting rates were also ahead of those achieved last year when 21 million tonnes were reaped. But he added: "It would not be quite wise to forecast the total crop now since there are still two months of harvesting ahead." The US Department of Agriculture last month forecast this year's Soviet crop at 215 million tonnes, while the London-based International Wheat Council predicted 218 million tonnes. Zholobov, a member of the Gosagroprom collegium, said but weather in northern areas of the country and rain in normally dry areas of the south could have caused problems for this year's crop. "But, despite all the weather deviations, there was no disaster anywhere. Drought did not exceed ordinary proportions, though it hit quite sizeable territories. "The north Caucasus and the Ukraine, where fields were flooded with rain sometime ago, have harvested more grain than last year at the same time," he added.

Shultz hints US could aid Argentina with new loan

BUENOS AIRES, Aug 3. (Reuter): Secretary of State George Shultz, in Argentina for talks on the economy and other issues, has hinted that Washington would help the country cope with its severe debt crisis by providing a new loan. Argentina has been negotiating a \$500-million bridging loan with Washington that would help Buenos Aires pay service charges on its \$55-billion foreign debt, according to banking sources. A US official told reporters Shultz said in an interview recorded for broadcast on US television today that it appeared the negotiations were going well. "He will be saying that he believed that there had been good discussions between the Argentines and our Treasury and Federal Reserve and that he thought that those discussions would be productive and fruitful," the official said. US officials travelling with Shultz said the strain on Argentina as it struggled to service its debts was severe and worrying. Shultz offered at several points on Tuesday to help Argentina with its economic problems in any way he could, the official said in briefing reporters. The secretary, on a nine-nation, 10-day Latin American tour, met President Raul Alfonsin, Foreign Minister Dante Caputo, Economic Minister Juan Sourrouille and other top officials to discuss economics, drug interdiction, and other issues. He praised Argentina repeatedly for its return to democracy after years of military rule following the 1982 Falklands war, calling the country a stirring example to the world. In his luncheon talk, Shultz urged economic reforms to combat the country's debt and inflation crisis. "Nothing consolidates political freedom as much as economic well-being, which needs, in turn, strong macroeconomic policies and long-term structural reform," he said. Alfonsin's government this week began launching an austerity programme aimed at curbing inflation, now running at over 20 per cent a month, through public sector spending cuts. Shultz's visit drew protest from left-wing political parties, including a rally in which some 8,000 marched on the Argentine Congress, chanting anti-US slogans.

Boussena appointed chief of Algerian oil company

ALGIERS, Aug 3. (OPECNA): A new director-general has been appointed for the Algerian national oil company, Sonatrach. He is Sadek Boussena, 40, who takes over from Youcef Yousfi named president of recently-created holding companies set up to improve the performance of large state enterprises. Boussena has held various top positions in the Algerian national oil industry. In the past fifteen years, he has been economic analyst and adviser, director of economic and legal affairs and director-general for planning and management. In 1981, he was appointed secretary-general of the Ministry of Energy and Petrochemical Industries. The new Sonatrach director-general sat on various OPEC technical committees between 1973 and 1981. He has been the OPEC governor for Algeria since 1981. According to an oil industry source, Boussena's appointment is a crucial part of the current restructuring of Algerian national enterprises seen by the government as a means of improving the efficiency and productivity of the economy. The source added that the goal of the restructure is to give more autonomy and decision-making power to state-owned enterprises expected to operate on the basis of "essentially economic criteria."

San Jose oil facility to be extended for another year

CARACAS, Aug 3. (OPECNA): OPEC member Venezuela and non-OPEC oil producer Mexico will extend their joint oil facility programme of crude supplies to central and Caribbean countries for another year. Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi and Mexico's head of state Hurtado Miguel de la Madrid said in a joint statement, issued simultaneously here and in Mexico City, that the extension will be with immediate effect. Under the programme, known as the San Jose accord, Venezuela and Mexico will together supply 130,000 BPD of crude to nine Latin American and Caribbean countries. According to the announcement, the terms of the accord which began in 1980, will remain unchanged. Belize is an additional country benefitting from the programme which so far has covered Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Barbados, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. Venezuela and Mexico began supplying crude to the Latin American and Caribbean nations under the San Jose accord in 1980.

US urged to take lead to help ease Third World debt

WASHINGTON, Aug 3. (AP): Two top US financiers and a former cabinet member from Colombia called on the United States to take the lead in a new strategy for easing the burden on the Third World of its \$1.2-trillion debt. James D. Robinson III, chairman of the American Express Co., on Tuesday pressed for setting up an independent "institute of international debt and development" to buy up Third World debt at a discount and benefit the debtors by reducing interest rates. He said this should be done through a joint venture by the World Bank and its sister organisation, the International Monetary Fund. Both the World Bank and the IMF have 151 member governments, with the United States having the biggest voting strength, but decisions for both bodies are reached mainly through consensus. Eugene H. Rothenberg, executive vice-president of Merrill Lynch and Co., and Rodrigo Botero, former Finance Minister of Colombia, both supported a role in this matter for the World Bank, where Rothenberg served as vice-president. All three spoke on Tuesday at a hearing of the subcommittee on international finance of the Senate Banking Committee. Botero also noted the fragility of democracy among Latin American debtor nations. "A remarkable aspect of the debt crisis so far is the commitment of democratic governments in the region to remain within the existing international framework and to fulfil external obligations at a high political cost," said Botero. He added: "This committee should not be taken for granted." Botero is a visiting scholar at the Harvard Centre for International Relations. He cited the strong showing in the recent Mexican election of Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, who urged suspension of debt payments. He also mentioned the situation in Argentina, where the Peronist candidate in next year's election also favours a moratorium on debt payment.

War puts Baghdad in big debtor league

West likely to expand credit lines to Iraq

BAHRAIN, Aug 3. (Reuter): Eight years of war have turned Iraq into one of the Third World's most heavily indebted nations, but President Saddam Hussein is expected to seek new Western credits if a ceasefire with Iran is agreed.

Economists and political analysts said Western governments may be ready to expand credit lines in a bid to boost political influence in post-war Baghdad and support their companies competing for contracts to reconstruct the shattered economy.

But they warn that Iraq's record of late payments and a history of debt reschedulings — playing one creditor off against another — will temper any enthusiasm.

Credits

"If the war ends, the Iraqis will go down the road of asking for more credits and will hold out the carrot of lucrative contracts for companies," said a Middle East political analyst. "It will be hard to resist, particularly if influence can no longer be won with day-to-day arms contracts."

From one of the Gulf's richest oil producers at the turn of the decade with foreign reserves put at \$20 billion, Iraq has joined the world's major-league debtors and now owes foreign govern-

ments, banks and companies as much as \$65 billion.

That is \$10 billion more than Argentina's debt-strapped economy and by far the biggest in the Middle East.

But even though the debt is 10 times more than that of its arch enemy Iran, analysts believe Western capitals cannot afford to ignore a militarily-strooq, oil-rich Iraq and the possibility it may re-emerge as a major Middle East power.

Some \$30 billion of Iraq's debt is thought to be owed to its main financial backers in the war, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Commercial banks in major Western nations were owed \$8.47 billion at the end of 1987 according to figures collated by the Basle-based Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

Western government export credit agencies are estimated to have guaranteed as much as \$15 billion.

The debt has financed huge arms purchases, building Iraq's Soviet- and French-equipped Air Force into one of the most powerful in the region and equipping a one-million-strong Army which now boasts about 6,000 predominantly Soviet tanks.

But if peace negotiations underway at the UN fail, the fighting, Iraq will need billions of dollars to rebuild.

Settlement of shipping rights in the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway would unlock a \$3 billion development scheme for the Basra port region and revive plans to build offshore oil terminals to export crude through the Gulf.

Output

Even daily output now at 2.7 million barrels a day — the second highest within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries after Saudi Arabia — is not seen as enough to finance reconstruction at a time of weak world oil prices.

The euphoria that greeted Iran's about-turn in accepting a UN ceasefire call has long since turned into a hard-headed realisation that lasting peace could take months to negotiate.

But economists say Iraq is keeping bridges open to its main bank-rollers, avoiding a wholesale rescheduling and granting preferential treatment to creditors considered most important.

France, as a major arms supplier, the United States as a grain exporter, and Britain as a driving force behind recent UN attempts to impose a weapons embargo on Iraq have all found repayments on government-backed debt to be more or less punctual.

"There is a strong lobby within the US State Department that says Iraq has a great deal of economic potential and that since the United States will not play a role in supplying weapons, one way of gaining influence will be through trade," said one Middle East analyst.

Iraq may also want to reduce dependence on the Soviet Union and its Gulf allies and turn more to the West. It may have no choice if cash-strapped Saudi Arabia and Kuwait decide to channel funds into their own economies instead and aid to Baghdad dries up.

West Germany, whose heavy engineering and building firms gained a foothold in Iraq during the oil boom, approved a \$300 million mark (\$160 million) credit line early this year.

An official at France's Coface agency in Paris said its position on future export credits was one of "wait and see."

Some other countries such as Yugoslavia appear to have ended up at the bottom of the pecking order, while Turkey has tightened credit regulations to slow the rising trend of Iraqi debt already estimated at about \$2.2 billion.

Japanese banks are being asked to agree a new rescheduling of letters of credit, just fifteen months after signing a deal to delay repayment on \$50 billion yen (\$380 million) of debt.

Economists expect Iraq will try to extend official credit lines as a first move, knowing that banks — which have already rescheduled three Eurocredits — will be reluctant to offer direct finance without safety net of government guarantees.

Arab banks with traditionally close ties to Baghdad are doing steady trade-related business, buying promissory notes issued by the Iraqi government to foreign contractors.

They are being asked to reduce the risk, sometimes to a Western credit agency guaranteeing payment and sometimes by recourse to payment from the contractor if Iraq is not forthcoming.

But as one Japanese trader in the Gulf said: "It is very easy to sign contracts in Baghdad. But will I get paid?"

US banks to help build tyre plant in Iraq

WASHINGTON, Aug 3. (AP): The US government's Export-Import Bank will help the government of Iraq to buy \$8.6 million worth of US equipment for a new plant to make tyres, it was announced yesterday.

Iraq and Iran have been discussing with the United Nations a ceasefire in the eight-year-old war.

The equipment will come from Soberay Machine Equipment Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, the bank's announcement said. Soberay will build some new machines for the Iraqis and refurbish some used ones from American plants.

Policy

Iraq's Ministry of Heavy Industries will pay for the equipment with a Letter of Credit issued by the Raifadan Bank in Iraq, through the Irving Trust Company in New York. Payment will be guaranteed to the New York bank by an insurance policy from the Foreign Credit Insurance Association, which is owned by the Export-Import Bank.

Exim will also guarantee a \$3 million loan to Soberay for working capital, issued by Society National Bank in Cleveland.

Exim's main function is to promote sales of US goods in other countries by loans to foreign importers and by other forms of financial help.

Exim also announced its board of directors has agreed to issue lending to Brazil to encourage sales of US goods there.

The action follows an agreement reached in Paris over the weekend between Brazil and 13 creditor governments, including the United States. The accord will delay repayments on \$5 billion worth of debt due between last Jan 1, 1987 and March 31, 1990. As well, one of the interest or principal will be repaid until the end of the period, said Sergio Amaral, head of the Brazilian delegation.

Payments after 1990 will be spread over 10 years. It is unusual for such arrangements to delay both interest and principal payments.

The US bank announced on July 11 that it was accepting applications for loans to Brazil and that a decision would be made after the Paris talks.

"This condition has been satisfied and Eximbank now is prepared to act on preliminary and final commitments," said the bank's president, John A. Bohn Jr. in a statement.

Brazil's international credit was badly hurt in February 1987 when it stopped paying interest on more than \$60 billion of its bank debt, the biggest in the Third World.

Some investors pursue profits with a conscience

LONDON, Aug 3. (Reuter): A small but possibly growing number of investors are taking what they consider a moral look at where they put their money.

And, amid public debate on such issues as the environment, health and apartheid, some financiers see business opportunities in "ethical investment."

Rachel Griffiths, at the London-based Ethical Investment Research and Information Service (EIRIS), said that as much as 10 percent of investment on Wall Street may have undergone some degree of ethical scrutiny.

Proportions

The proportion of British investment subject to some ethical test was probably less than one per cent but might rise as Britain takes out its cue from the United States.

EIRIS, an advisory body, was set up in 1983 by churches and charitable trusts.

"We don't actually say whether a company is ethical or non-ethical," Griffiths said. "We leave that to the individual."

She said ethics in investment had been an issue in the United States for 10 to 15 years.

But interest in Continental Europe was not great, partly because tight disclosure laws made it difficult to research com-

pany activities. Asian markets presented similar problems.

Britain's first ethical unit trust, Stewardship, was launched by London Finance House Friends Provident in 1984.

Risks

Unit trusts allow people to spread their risks by buying a small part of a basket of shares chosen by a fund manager.

John Woodard, product marketing manager with Friends Provident, said there were about 10 ethical unit trusts now available in Britain.

They've been creeping in but they haven't caught the attention of the public because unit trusts have been quiet since the October 1987 crash," he said.

But Stewardship now has some \$82 million (\$140 million) under management.

Of nine unit

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 4-5, 1988

International Bond Highlights

London — The coupon on the 100 min dlr equity warrant Eurobond for Nippon Fire and Marine Insurance Co Ltd reported last month from Tokyo has been indicated at 5-1/4 pct, lead manager Yamaichi International (Europe) Ltd said. Market sources noted that the indicated coupon level of 5-1/4 pct compares with the last coupon on a five year deal of 4-7/8 pct. (RTUV 0909)

London — The coupon on the 200 min dlr four year equity warrant bond for Mitsui Toetel Chemicals Inc has been indicated at 4-1/2 pct, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. The last level at which a four year Japanese equity warrant was fixed was 3-7/8 pct. (RTUV 0920)

London — The Abbey National Building Society is issuing a 200 min dlr Eurobond due Sept 10, 1988 paying 9-3/8 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd said. (RTVO 1034)

London — BP America Inc is issuing a 100 min dlr Eurobond due Sept 1, 1989 paying 10-1/2 pct and priced at 102-80 pct, lead manager Daiwa Europe Ltd said. (RTUL 0755)

London — Nordic Investment Bank (NIB) is issuing a 100 min Canadian dlr, zero coupon Eurobond due Sept 13, 1990 priced at 46.55 pct, lead manager Wood Gundy Inc said. (RTXS 1522)

Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	9-3/4 1/2	10-3/8 1/4	10-7/8 3/4
FFT	4.80/90	5.00/05	5.20/30
PAN	7 7/16	7-1/16 3/16	7-5/16 7/16
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	3 3-1/4	3-1/2 3-3/4
BRX	4.40	6-3/4 15/16	7-1/8 3/16
ROM	10 10/12	10-5/8 11-1/8	11 11-1/2
AMS	5.0 5-1/4	5-1/16 5-3/16	5-5/16 5-7/16
TOK	3,8125 8750	4.0000 0625	UNQ
ECU	6.75 7.00	6.87 7.00	7.18 7.31

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5-15/16	6-5/16
3 months	6	6-3/8
6 months	6-1/8	6-7/16
1 year	6-3/16	6-9/16

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	59	59	59	NICO	600	575	580
ACC	251.50	246	GNFC	48.50	47.50	48	HUKAND	85	83	84
ASIA PAINT	153.75	153.75	GRASIN	108	107	107	MOCIL	480	470	485
BAJAJ AUTO	252.00	247.50	HIND LEVER	69.50	68.50	68.50	PEICO	31	29.50	30.50
BAR. RAYON	240	233	HINDALCO	95	95	95	PFIZER	62	62	61
BOM. DYEING	111	108	HINDCOCOA	83.75	81.25	82.50	PRE-AUTO	33	32.50	32.50
BR. BOND	87	86	HINDMOTOR	26.75	26.50	26	RAYMOND	49	48	49
BSE INDEX	609.60	604.36	IND. ORG	25.75	24	25	RELIANCE	204	201.50	203
CENTURYSPG	890	880	INDRAYON	66	66	66.50	SIEMENS	70	69	70
COLGATE	222.50	217.50	INDROL	170	162.50	166.25	SPIC	51	51.00	51.50
DEEPAKFERT	40	38.80	ITC	45.50	43	44	STDMILL	258	252.50	260
E.I. HOTEL	50	48	JKSYNT	64	62	63.25	TATA PMR	247.50	245	250
ESKAYE	117.50	115.25	L & T	109.50	107	111.50	TATACHEM	75	73	75
ESSAR	19	18.50	MAHINDRA	58.50	57.50	59.50	TELECO	675	665	667.50
GAR. POLY	78	77.50	MASTERSHR	10.50	10.25	10.40	TISCO	832.50	822.50	822.50
GE.SHIP	29.75	29.50	MATHER PL	52	51	51	VOLTAS	305	300	312.50

FRANKFURT

INDONESIA

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	NITSU CP	1160	1150	NITSU EL	975	975
AEG	202.3	202.3	AJJINOMOTO	2930	2970	2970	NITSU EST	2440	2520
ALLIANZ VR	1545.0	1547.0	AKAI ELEC	625	620	620	NITSU HVY	989	970
BADEMWERK	182.0	181.2	AKOI	980	970	970	NITSU CO	905	900
BAASF	259.5	261.5	ASAHI GLS	1930	1950	1950	NITSUKOSHI	1850	1850
BAYER	293.5	293.4	ASAHI OPT	679	679	679	NITSUMI EL	1150	1150
BAYER HYP	334.0	347.5	BANK TOKYO	1580	1590	1590	NICHICON	1370	1360
BAYER VER	336.0	340.5	BRIDGESTONE	1350	1380	1380	NIHON CHNT	810	808
BBC	306.0	307.0	CANON	1450	1460	1460	HKKO SEC	1970	1990
BHF	426.0	426.0	CASIO COMP	1290	1300	1300	NIP ELEC	2260	2290
BHM	509.0	512.0	CHUGAI PHM	1550	1630	1630	NIP KOKAKA	655	669
COMMERZBK	232.0	232.0	CITIZEN W	827	840	840	NIP OIL	1160	1100
CONTI GUHN	259.5	262.8	D-ICHI KAM	3100	3130	3130	NIP STEEL	763	777
DAINER BEN	682.0	689.5	DAI NIP IK	800	799	799	NIP YUSEN	789	758
DEUTSC BANK	483.2	485.0	DAI NIP PT	2550	2550	2550	NITS NOTR	1260	1280
DLW	363.0	362.5	DAI NIP SC	1150	1150	1150	NOMURA SEC	3960	4040
DRESDNER-B.	255.0	257.5	DAI-NIP TO.	1600	1600	1600	DRHA CO	978	960
OT.BALBOCK	179.3	179.5	DAICEL	889	875	875	OLYMPUS	1140	1140
FAZ. INDEX	489.42	496.38	DAIHAN-H	2110	2110	2110	PENTA OCH	840	840
FELOMEHL	265.0	265.5	DAIHAN SEC	2660	2610	2610	PIONEER	3750	3720
GOLDSMITH	295.0	300.0	EBRA MFG	950	930	930	RENOM	960	930
HARPER	426.0	424.0	EISAI	2080	2060	2060	RICOH	1320	1320
HOECHST AG	274.0	274.7	FUJITSU	1870	1820	1820	SANKYO	2120	2100
HOESCH	146.9	144.5	FUJI BANK	3260	3290	3290	SANYO ELEC	767	780
HORTEN	191.0	193.0	FUJI PHOTO	3910	3910	3910	SEIYU ST	2280	2300
HUSSEL HLD	419.0	422.0	FUJISAWA	1870	1870	1870	SEKISUI PB	1770	1790
KALI SALZ	160.2	160.0	FUJITA CP	740	750	750	SHARP	1240	1230
KARSTADT	419.0	420.5	HITACHI	1990	2010	2010	SHISEIDO	1750	1780
KAUFNOF	357.5	363.5	HONDA MOT	2320	2360	2360	SIMPLYSON	7050	6950
KLOECK H	128.5	128.5	ISETAN	2350	2410	2410	SONY	9730	9730
KLOECK M	0	101.00	ITO YOKADO	4400	4400	4400	TAESEI	930	928
LNDE	690.0	683.0	JAP SYN RU	1130	1160	1160	TAISHO MRN	1120	1130
LUFTHANSA	142.7	145.0	JAPAN AIR	14800	14800	14800	TAKEDA CH	2740	2760
MAH	197.5	196.4	JAPAN MET	600	595	595	TEIJIN	800	805
MANNESMAN	169.0	169.5	KAITIMA	1430	1480	1480	TOKO NEW IX	245.47	253.10
MERCDES	553.5	555.0	KANSAI EL	3160	3170	3170	TOKO MRN	2050	2060
METALLGES	309.0	305.0	KAO SOAP	1820	1840	1840	TOKYO ELEC	1320	1310
MIXDORF PF	455.0	436.2	KAMAKASI H	730	737	737	TOKYO GAS	1230	1240
HORSK HYD	60.50	62.00	KAMAKASI S	674	685	685	TOKYO POWR	5910	5990
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BUSINESS

World oil market under review

Key OPEC ministers begin talks

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Aug 3. (AP): The price monitoring committee of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries began meeting today to discuss world oil market price developments since the last regular OPEC conference in June.

The five-nation committee, comprising ministers from Venezuela, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and Algeria, met behind closed doors at a luxury hotel in this lakeside city. Conference members said the meeting would last one or two days.

Quota

Venezuelan Oil Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisatti said yesterday that one item on the agenda would be a report by OPEC secretary-general Subroto, of Indonesia, on his visit to the United Arab Emirates in July.

Subroto visited the UAE after

it decided to abandon its OPEC oil output quota of 948,000 barrels a day and to aim to produce up to 1.5 million.

The committee is also to discuss the OPEC auditors' report for OPEC production in May, as well as estimates from secondary sources for June and July production.

Prices

Indonesian Oil Minister Gintandjar Kartasasmita said yesterday that industry estimates for June OPEC production were between 18.54-18.56 million barrels a day, while July production estimates were understood to be around 19 million barrels a day.

One OPEC delegate source said "19 million barrels a day is definitely too much for OPEC to be producing." We will never see prices recover in the short-to-medium term at that level."

In a related development,

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisban Nazer, responding to press reports that his country's oil output in July was above its OPEC quota, said today "that is wrong." He said Saudi Arabia is producing within its output quota of 4.343 million barrels a day.

The OPEC price committee is empowered to study world oil price trends, and to call an emergency meeting of the full 13-member OPEC ministerial conference if it finds that world oil prices have diverged significantly from OPEC's \$18 a barrel average reference price.

Production

OPEC president Rilwanu Lukman, Nigeria's Oil Minister, said yesterday that a full OPEC meeting could not be excluded.

Delegates sources said that another topic of discussion by the pricing committee would be

the effect on OPEC production levels of a possible ceasefire between Iran and Iraq.

The sources said that two opinions have apparently arisen on the possible effect.

Some within OPEC believe a ceasefire could result in the two countries' flooding world oil markets with crude as they try to sell more oil to finance the reconstruction of their war-torn economies.

Others seem to think that an end to the war would mean greater co-operation within OPEC and lead to production restraint, the sources said.

Crude oil prices dropped nearly 50 cents a barrel yesterday on reports of overproduction by OPEC members and doubts that the organisation's pricing committee will hammer out a solution at its meeting.

Crude oil for delivery in Sep-

tember finished down 47 cents at \$15.61 a barrel on the New York mercantile exchange. Traders said selling accelerated after the September contract fell through a key barrier of \$15.80 a barrel.

"The market now expects little positive action to come out of the price committee meeting," said John O'Connell, research director of Refco Inc.

North Sea Brent oil for September was quoted at \$14.95 a barrel on the spot market, down 50 cents from Monday's close.

Meanwhile, Gulf oil industry sources told Reuters that oil output by the six Gulf members of OPEC exceeded their combined assigned quotas by 2 million barrels in July. The six producers — Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Qatar and the UAE — produced 12.5 million barrels a day in July, the highest level in one year, the sources said.

Stock markets mixed

Dollar holds steady, gold moves up

LONDON, Aug 3. (Reuters): The dollar held steady today, but dealers said they were being cautious about buying more until the United States releases its unemployment figures for July on Friday.

That date will provide the first sign of how quickly the US economy grew last month. Dealers say that, if the economy keeps expanding strongly, the US central bank might want to raise interest rates to dampen the risk of inflation.

The dollar was hardly changed to close in Europe at 1.8745 West German marks and 132.85 Japanese yen. It traded at 1.71 dollars to the British pound sterling.

Nervous

On Wall Street, investors were nervous. The Dow Jones industrial average rose just 1.78 points to 1,133.00 at midday.

"Some investors expected

Friday's jobs report to show the economy may be too strong for the Federal Reserve, which could then raise the discount rate," said Alan Ackerman, an analyst at Wall Street brokers Gruntal.

Higher interest rates could cut business profits and make shares a less attractive investment. But since they raise returns on such assets as bank accounts and bonds, higher rates increase demand for dollars.

Gold bullion was fixed in London this afternoon at \$434.10 an ounce, up \$2.85 from the morning.

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JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior Readers,

Life is full of things that we probably would not do if we had the choice. We really have to force ourselves to get out of bed in the morning, to get off to school or work, to do homework or jobs around the house in the evening, or even to eat green vegetables or clean our teeth.

Hard as it may be to believe, most of the things that we find so unpleasant are in our best interest, though we may not feel that at the time. For example, if you do not get up in the morning, it means that you do not get to school, which means that you will not get the education you need for a good job in later life, which means.... Some thing with not doing homework. When you are older, not getting up means not keeping a job which gives you the money you need to buy food and clothes and to pay the rent.

So, you see that all the awful things we would often rather not do are necessary and if we do not do them, we might find ourselves in a situation much more uncomfortable than leaving a warm bed in the morning.

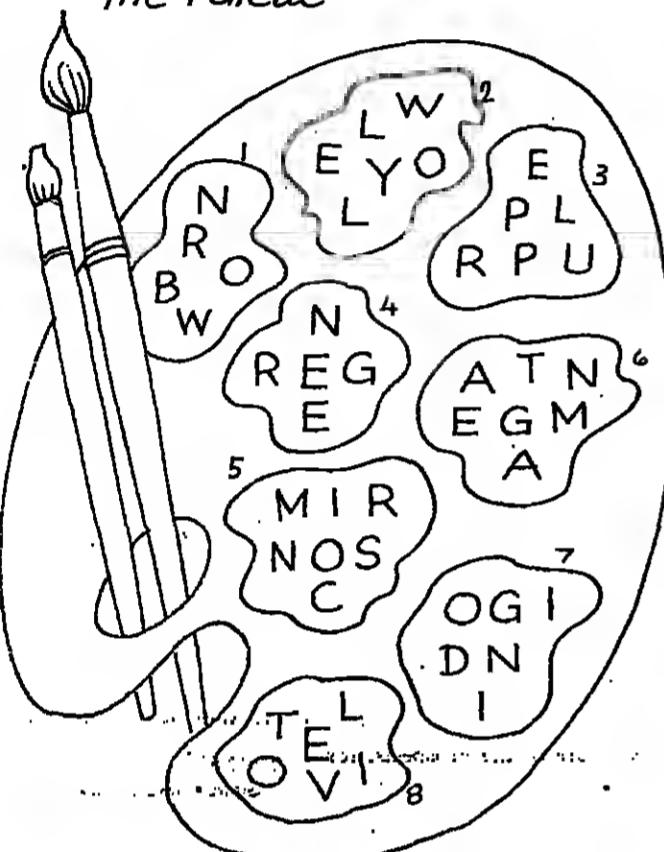
Auntie Jayne

Happy birthday

Shirley Leorema Lucas celebrates her 7th birthday today. Best wishes for the future and many happy returns of the day from your loving Daddy, Mummy, brothers Stan, Derrick and Michael, sisters Maria, Liberata and Sandra and Uncle Anthony.



The Palette



Rearrange the letters to find the names of eight colours.

Solution on Tuesday

Ha! Ha!

What has bread on both sides and frightens easily? A chicken sandwich.

Why will television never take the place of newspapers? Ever tried swatting flies with a television?

An American walked up to a stranger in the street and asked: 'Have you got a light, ma?' 'No,' he replied, 'a brown overcoat.'

How can you make your paper money worth more? If you fold it, it doubles -- and when you open it out again, you find it increases.

A man walked into a library and asked: 'Have you got any books with a good mystery ending?' Librarian: 'Yes, here's one with the last chapter torn out.'



Unscramble the letters to find out what book each member of the family is reading.

The why of man

Why we have a skeleton
The movements of the body are carried out by special bundles of flesh called muscles. However, the complex muscular system would not be able to function at all if it were not supported by a suitable structure. This structure is the skeleton. It is in reality a kind of framework which supports the body.

Although this description is correct to a certain extent, it is not the whole story. First of all because the skeleton is a framework which is capable of very complex movements, quite different from ordinary frameworks; in the second place because the function of supporting the body is

BEDDGELELT lies near Snowdon in the country of Gwynedd, about 12 kilometres inland from the sea. 'Bedd' is the Welsh word for 'grave', so Beddgelert means the 'Grave of Gelert.'

This is the story of how it came to be so called.

Many years ago there lived a brave chieftain, called Llewellyn, in Snowdonia. Now Llewellyn had a faithful dog, Gelert which had been presented to him by King John of England, and this dog was the leader of all Llewellyn's pack. At home he was as gentle as a lamb but in the hunt he was fierce and brave.

One day when Llewellyn and his men had assembled on the mountainside ready for hunting the hare, the huntsman blew aloud blast on his horn to rally the pack of hounds. To the huntsman's surprise Gelert, the leader of the pack, was not there. So he

blew again upon his horn. Still Gelert did not come. "It seems very strange that Gelert does not come in answer to my call," said the huntsman.

But they could not wait for him any longer and the huntsmen and the rest of the pack went on without him.

But somehow or other things went wrong that day. The chase was poor and the hound failed to run their quarry to earth.

At twilight Llewellyn rode sadly towards his castle. He was wondering greatly where Gelert had been all day. Just then he heard the familiar sound of his barking.

"Ah! Bad dog! Why did you fail me to-day? Where have you been?" Llewellyn began. But as he rode nearer he could see that

something was wrong.

The dog did not bound forward to greet him as he usually did. He crouched low and licked his lips. Then, looking more closely at him, Llewellyn perceived that Gelert's coat was tangled and matted with clots of blood.

"What is the matter? Where did all this blood come from?" cried his master.

Here, there and everywhere the ground was smeared with it. Llewellyn dismounted hastily and ran into the castle. Here there were signs everywhere of struggle. Blood, freshly-spilled, lay all over the floor. No servants were there to answer to his call. Gelert followed at his master's heels, dragging his hind legs somewhat.

Quickly Llewellyn's



The poor dumb creature's eyes searched his master's face.

"If only I could speak!" he seemed to say. He crouched low and tried to lick his master's feet. But Llewellyn was furious.

"You, too, shall die, treacherous hound!" And so saying he plunged his sword into Gelert's side.

His dying yelp was heard from afar. It woke Llewellyn's sleeping child who murmured and cried out.

The chieftain searched in the direction from which the sound came. There, in another room, quite safe and sound, beneath a heap of bloodstained clothes, lay the child.

At his side, torn and mangled, but quite dead, lay an enormous wolf!

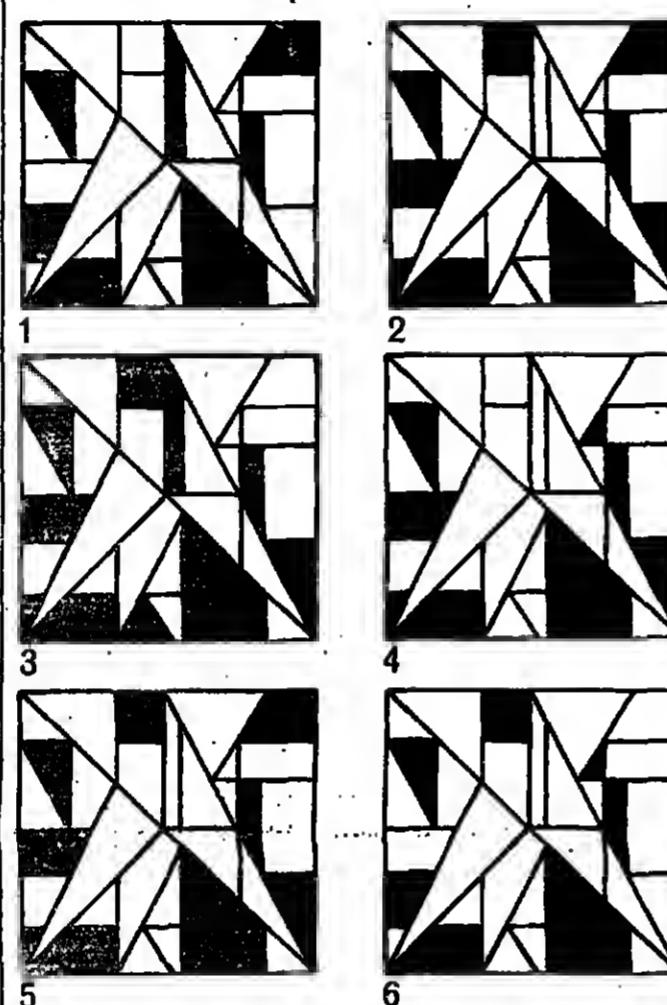
Now the truth was made clear to Llewellyn. The gallant dog had fought with the wolf and had killed him, in order to save the life of the child he so jealously guarded.

Llewellyn's grief was pitiful to behold. "The desperate deed which laid you low, this heart shall ever regret," said he.

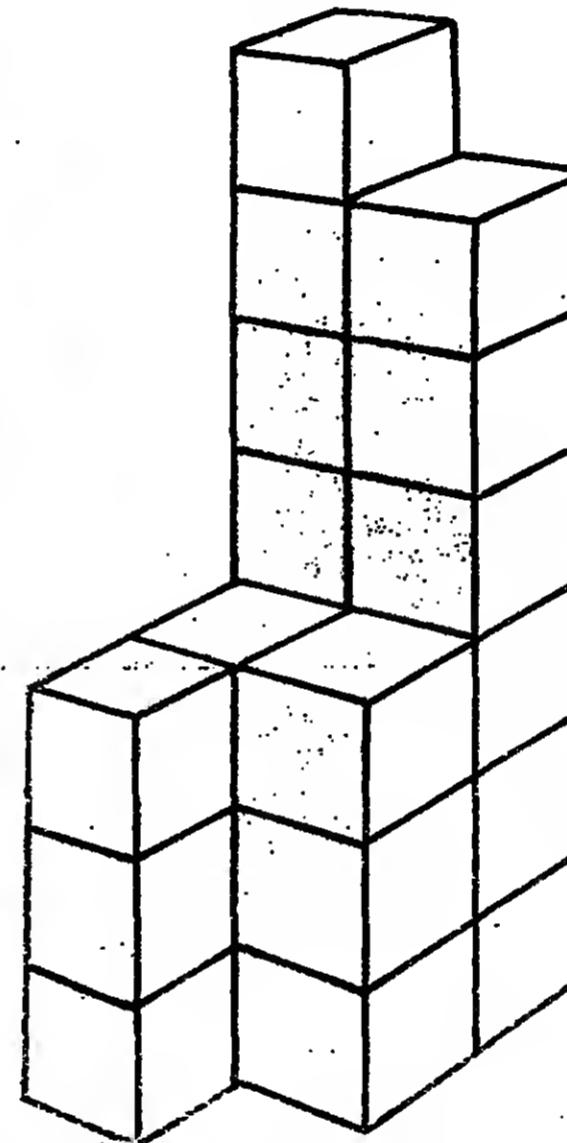
So Gelert was buried with ceremony and there beneath a mound of stones, his grave can still be seen to this day.

Beddgelert

Which two squares are the same?



How many cubes are in the stack?



Truly amazing!

Dormice were a popular delicacy in Ancient Rome.

The Great Blue Heron catches fish by spearing them with its bill.

The wrinkled grey covering of the brain is made up of 9,000,000,000 cells.

There are six languages in North America which each have only one surviving speaker.

Ladies in sixteenth and seventeenth century England wore their wedding ring on their thumb.

A superintendent of nurses in the American Civil War refused to employ any nurse who was pretty.

On average we lose 11 oz of weight while we are asleep at night.

A girl in Perth, Australia, can read at 100,000 words per minute. In half an hour she read Hamlet, Wuthering Heights, and several short stories.

The official languages of the United Nations are Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

The Romans used weasels to catch mice.

If all the corks of all the wine bottles produced in France each year were glued together, they would encircle the earth ten times.

Ivan the Terrible killed his favourite son in a burst of anger.

7½ million tonnes of water evaporate from the Dead Sea every day.

In October 1961 a new volcano on the island of Tristan da Cunha in the Atlantic rose to a height of 90 feet in a few hours.

The albatross has a hooked beak with which it can exert as much force as a pickaxe.

The word 'police' did not appear in official English until 1714. It was originally a French word.

That's it

The illusion:

While you are guarded in another room, the group selects some object in plain view of everyone. You return and various things around the room are named one after another. When the right object is named you instantly verify it as the selected one!

The preparation:

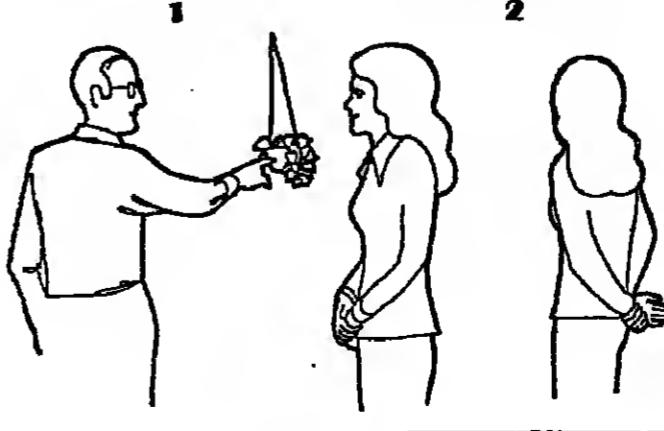
Once again your confederate either can be a secret or openly can be your special assistant. How does your assistant know when to indicate the proper object? He doesn't! The secret of this very baffling and unfathomable mystery is that you are the one to do the signaling. Read on!

The trick:

You come back into the room and your friend starts naming or pointing to objects in different parts

of the room. (1). Four, five, or six objects are named and when you want the selected object to be named you merely do something to change your position; fold or unfold your arms, shift one foot, put your hands behind you, or any other natural and subtle movement (2). As soon as your confederate sees you do this, the next object he or she names must be the selected one. As soon as it is, you name it as the group's choice.

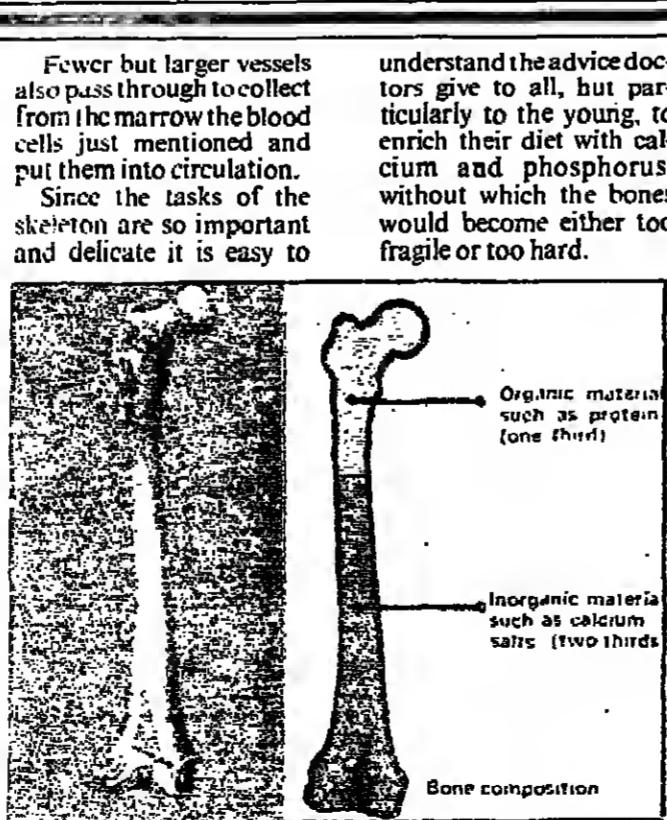
Just this once, let yourself be pressured into doing the same trick twice, or even three times, as the fun and frustration grow. The insidious subtlety of this particular while-I'm-out-of-the-room trick is that everyone is watching and listening to your assistant, waiting for a signal that will never come. It's all in knowing how.



When you move in the circles of the rich and famous, it's only natural that you'll know about the rules of etiquette. But the mark of true good breeding is when you make someone who is a little new to the game feel at ease, which is what Leapy the acting dog is doing here with a young colleague who recently joined the team.

Solution to 'What's my line':

1. Manger 2. Boatman 3. Actress 4. Fireman 5. Footman 6. Cashier 7. Soldier 8. Gymnast 9. Foreman 10. Cleaner 11. Warden 12. Acrobat.



ARAB TIMES Classifieds

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New Zealand announces cockpit crew for Cup

SAN DIEGO, Aug 3 (Reuters): New Zealand's Michael Fay yesterday named the cockpit crew for his America's Cup challenge, tapping David Barnes, who won the World 12-metre Championship last year, to take the helm of his sloop against the Americans.

Fay also named Richard Morris, 27, the tactician and Peter Lester, 34, the navigator for the best-of-three America's Cup regatta scheduled for September 7 and 9 if necessary the 11th.

They are scheduled to race San Diego Yacht Club's Dennis Conner, the skipper of the Cup holder American's controversial catamaran.

"With a team of Kiwi batters and a lot of luck, maybe the catamaran will get the message and self-destruct," Fay said.

Barnes has been world champion in the 470 class three times and skippered KZ7 — New Zealand's challenge vessel in the last America's Cup series off Fremantle — when it won the World 12-metre Championship at Sardinia last year.

Helmsman

Lester is a former world OK dinghy champion and was helmsman of Propaganda, the top boat in Britain's Admiral's Cup series last year.

Morris is the computer development manager for Fay's challenge. He took part in the Fremantle series and navigated KZ7 in the 1987 World 12-metre Championships.

Fay said Barnes, 30, would get the best from both New Zealand and its crew.

"He has a huge task ahead of him, skippering the biggest boat built to contest the Cup in more than 50 years, and trying to beat a catamaran which is so much faster than we are."

New Zealand attorney Andrew John told Reuters that both sides have met this week and have other meetings planned to hammer out details of the America's Cup regatta.

Wittmann wins first leg of Argentine rally

BUENOS AIRES, Aug 3 (Reuters): Franz Wittmann of Austria won the first stage of the Argentine motor rally on a sandy course at the Buenos Aires borse racing track on last night.

Wittmann, driving a Lancia, went around the two-mile (three km) course in two minutes 40.23 seconds at an average speed of 43 mph (69 kph).

Straight

Italian Massimo Biasion, who is looking to clinch the World Drivers' Championship by winning the Argentine rally for the third straight year, was fifth in his Lancia.

Local star Jorge Recalde, also driving a Lancia, was second just over four seconds behind Wittmann, one of only a handful of Europeans taking part.

Austrians Rudi Stohl and Georg Fischer, driving Audi Quattro, were third and fourth respectively.

Slaney hopes to bury Los Angeles nightmare

EUGENE, Oregon, Aug 3 (Reuters): One of the most haunting memories of the Los Angeles Olympics remains the image of American Mary Slaney being carried from the coliseum in tears after crashing to the track in the 3,000 metres final.

Slaney clear favourite for the gold medal after her thrilling 1,500-3,000 double in the Helsinki World Championships two years earlier, had been a teenage prodigy who fulfilled all her heady promise.

At 14 she became the youngest athlete to represent her country in international competition when she ran a mile in the indoor US-Soviet Union meeting in 1973.

She went on to set five world and 21 US records and reached the highpoint of her career when she outraced the best runners in the world in the Finnish capital.

Memories

But Slaney, who was also the women's overall champion in the first Grand Prix circuit three years ago, has no happy memories of the Olympics.

In 1976 she was injured and in 1980 the United States boycotted the Moscow Olympics.

Then came 1984 and the most bitter disappointment of all.

Slaney and Briton Zola Budd were involved in a collision which left Slaney distraught on the track and Budd also in tears as the crowd booed her during the rest of the race.

Slaney, carried from the coliseum in the burly arms of her then-fiance and now husband Richard, held a news conference which ended suddenly when she

MAYOTTE UPSET IN SECOND ROUND

Unseeded Nelson extends Becker

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 3. (Agencies): Two-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker was pushed to three sets before winning and fourth-seed Tim Mayotte was upset in the second round of the US Men's Hardcourt Championships last night.

Becker, the West German superstar, ranked fifth in the world and the top seed in this \$415,000 tournament, battled two hours and 29 minutes for his 6-3 6-7 (4-7) 6-2 victory over unseeded American Todd Nelson.

Mayotte, ranked 10th in the world, was ousted by fellow American Mark Dickson 7-6 (7-2) 6-3.

Faults

Becker did not lose his service, making 12 aces and committing nine double faults, with one giving Nelson the second set.

Jimmy Connors, the No. 2 seed, and fifth-seeded John McEnroe were to begin play this evening. Connors was to open against Pieter Aldrich of South Africa and McEnroe was to play Dan Cassidy. Third-seeded Brad Gilbert was to meet Jimmy Brown in an afternoon match.

Becker broke Nelson's serve in the fourth game of the opening set when Nelson hit four straight volleys into the net. Becker, a two-time Wimbledon winner and ranked fourth in the world, used his powerful serve to finish

off the set.

Nelson survived three break points to win the ninth game of the second set and take a 5-4 lead. The San Diego resident hit a crosscourt winner to take the match's longest game. Becker committed four unforced errors in the game.

Nelson won the first five points of the second-set tiebreak, helped by a double fault and two shots beyond the baseline by Becker. The West German took the next three points, then hit a volley into the net to give Nelson triple set point. Becker served his 12th ace of the match, then double faulted to drop the set.

Nelson, who lost 7-6, 7-5, to Becker three years ago in their only previous meeting, lost his serve in the sixth game of the final set. Becker hit a sideline winner and Nelson hit a return long to give Becker the game and a 4-2 lead.

Becker held serve, took a bathroom break, then returned and broke Nelson's serve to finish the match, winning on a passing crosscourt winner.

Becker's match was his first on the circuit since Stefan Edberg defeated him 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-2, to win the Wimbledon championship.

Connors and McEnroe were to play a pair of singles matches for West Germany in a Davis Cup semifinal triumph.

Aaron Krickstein, the No. 6



Becker had a tough game

seed, celebrated his 21st birthday yesterday by defeating Grant Connell and advancing to third-round play. Krickstein, of Grosse Pointe, Mich., eliminated his Canadian rival, 7-5, 6-4 and 10th seed Derrick Rosagni,

eliminated Mexico's Francisco Maciel, 6-1, 6-3. Ross and Rosagni meet tomorrow in a third-round match.

"I didn't want to stay out there for two and a half hours," Becker said. "I had enough chances to win in two sets. I got down on myself when I didn't."

"My game plan was to keep the pressure on him," said Nelson, who has beaten some of the world's top players. "Playing him (Becker) you have to be ready for anything. I think I played a good match, but I can play better. The way the first set went (there was only one service break in the fourth game) I thought I could win."

Balance

Dickson, who ranks 147th in the world, said: "I dictated play more than he did. I was able to keep him off balance and make him miss. I play every point like it's a match point."

Ross, who ranked 153rd in the world, knocked off the seventh seeded Fitzgerald in one hour and 35 minutes.

Ross won the last four games of the first set and broke service in the 12th game of the second set with a passing forehand to beat Fitzgerald, who is ranked 27th.

Fitzgerald said Ross played "solid and deserved to win. He has a very effective game and a serve that kicks high. I was sluggish, I wasn't getting to the ball."

Red Sox score 21st consecutive home victory

NEW YORK, Aug 3 (AP):

Mike Greenwell hit the first Grand Slam of his career in the first inning and the Red Sox went on to defeat the Texas Rangers 7-2 last night in Boston for their 21st consecutive home victory.

Barry Lyons hit a two-run triple and Darryl Strawberry hit his League-leading 29th home run, the third consecutive game in which he homered, as the New York York Mets beat the Chicago Cubs 3-1 last night.

David Cone, 11-2, allowed eight hits, struck out nine and walked three as the Mets won for the sixth time in seven games.

Perfect

Jamie Moyer, 5-10, pitched six innings and allowed all three runs. He had shut out New York with a three-hitter on June 3.

In St Louis, Philadelphia's David Palmer pitched no-hit ball for five innings and finished with a one-hitter as the Phillies moved out of last place with a 2-0 victory over the Cardinals.

Palmer, 6-8, struck out six and walked three in his third shutout.

Ken Gerhart, a last-minute starter when Cleveland changed pitchers just before game time, doubled to spark a four-run third inning as the Orioles snapped a three-game losing streak with a 5-2 victory in Baltimore.

Denny Gonzalez singled with one out in the 10th off Neal Heaton, 3-7, and Glenn Wilson doubled. Pinch-hitter Barry Bonds singled to tie the score and Andy McGaffigan relieved. Lind singled over Dave Martinez's head in right, sending the Expos to their second loss in nine games.

Rex Hudler hit his first Major League home run in the top of the ninth to give Montreal a 2-1 lead.

The Dodgers' Tim Leary pitched a six-hitter for his National League-leading fifth shutout as Los Angeles beat the Reds 2-0.

Leary, 11-7, has allowed four runs in his last 43 innings, winning four of five starts and lowering his earned-run average to 2.24. He struck out three and walked two in the game in Los Angeles.

Results

American League

Toronto	11	Minnesota	0
Chicago	7	Oakland	5
Detroit	1	Kansas City	5
California	10	Seattle	3
Milwaukee	11	New York	2
Boston	7	Texas	2
		National League	
New York	3	Chicago	1
Pittsburgh	3	Montreal	2
San Diego	3	Atlanta	1
Los Angeles	2	Cincinnati	0
Houston	12	San Francisco	10
Philadelphia	2	St Louis	0

Iran and Iraq athletes to be housed far apart

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug 3 (AP): Athletes from such warring nations as Iran and Iraq will be housed as far apart as possible in the Olympic village, and each of the village's 82 buildings will have its own separate security, officials said today.

The buildings housing warring nations' athletes would have no special added security, they said, but no one would be admitted to any residential building without the permission of the leader of the team staying there.

Facilities

The whole village will be under tight guard, but athletes will be free to mingle in its "international zone," which houses the dining hall, shopping areas and recreational facilities, the officials said at a news briefing.

Kim Bok-Hee, deputy director of the village, said national team locations within the residential area were assigned according to the nation's continents, language, religion and cultural

similarities. Within the buildings, team leaders assign the rooms, he said.

We also took political aspects into consideration, but they did not play a big role because basically the Olympics is not a political event," Kim said.

He added, however, that teams such as Iran's and Iraq's were being kept far apart in the village of 50 hectares (123 acres). It is expected to house about 13,000 athletes and officials from 161 nations for the biggest Olympics ever.

Only six nations have not responded to invitations to the Games: North Korea, Cuba, Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Albania and the Seychelles. Communist North Korea, an archrival of the South, has said it would boycott the Games unless it is made a co-host.

Kim said rooms will be kept for the six nations that have not responded, in case they eventually send teams to Seoul.

Daggett bids to make US team

is considered a longshot to make the team.

Both the American men's and women's Olympic teams were to be selected during the trials that were to begin this evening at the Salt Palace with the men's compulsory competition.

Finishers

The women's compulsories are scheduled for tomorrow, with the men's optional finals on Friday and the women's options on Saturday. The top six finishers will make the US team.

Daggett, who with Scott Johnson are the only holdovers from the 1984 team that won the gold medal at Los Angeles, did not compete at the US championships last month in Houston, and

The scores from the US championships are carried over to the Olympic trials, and count for 40 per cent of the overall scoring.

Both Daggett and Johnson, who is recovering from a broken bone in his hand and also missed the nationals, made the trials on medical waivers. Their chances for making the team will depend entirely on their scores in the trials.

Daggett, a bronze medal winner in the pommel horse in 1984, broke his tibia and fibula and severed a major artery during the vaulting competition at Rotterdam last Oct 22. He was hospitalized for a month in Holland, then spent additional time at the UCLA Medical Centre.

The Australian is the former Commonwealth and International Boxing Federation champion in the junior-lightweight division, but has recently fought as a lightweight.

Briton puts title at stake

ADELAIDE, Australia, Aug 3, (AP): Tony Laing of Britain defends his Commonwealth light-welterweight boxing title against Australian Lester Ellis in Adelaide on Saturday.

Laing, 31, a resident of Nottingham, boasts a 13-3-1 record but goes into the fight after suffering a surprising loss to Joe Alexander of Trinidad in a non-title contest earlier this year.

The Australian is the former Commonwealth and International Boxing Federation champion in the junior-lightweight division, but has recently fought as a lightweight.

"I'm saddened by the news and feel terrible for the families involved," Todd Smith, executive director of US Diving, said in a statement released in Indianapolis. "Regarding Bruce's situation as it applies to US Diving, the accident at this point has no effect on his eligibility for the Olympic trials."

"The judicial process will have to run its course and depending on the outcome, US Diving will act accordingly," Smith added. "As it stands now, Bruce has earned the right to compete."

Olympic coins

NEW YORK, Aug 3 (Reuters):

While athletes will compete for gold medals at the upcoming 1988 Seoul Olympics, fans can go for their own gold by buying commemorative coins issued to help pay for the events.

Billed as the most exclusive souvenir of the Games, the gold and silver coins are for sale both to collectors and the general public.

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Slaney (left) being carried off by Richard after her collision with Budd

again dissolved in tears. So when did Slaney start thinking about Seoul?

"I started thinking about it about three hours after the clash," she told Reuters.

daughter.

W. INDIES PACEMAN NEEDS FOUR ENGLAND WICKETS IN LAST TEST

Marshall threatens Trueman's record

LONDON, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Malcolm Marshall, the scourge of England's batsmen, can add lustre to his mounting personal achievements by claiming a wicket-taking record in the fifth and final cricket Test starting at the Oval tomorrow.

The West Indies' premier fast bowler needs four more wickets to beat the highest aggregate in a series between the teams — 34 by England paceman Freddie Trueman in the 1963 rubber in this country.

Marshall has already left an indelible mark this season with 31 wickets in the first four Tests, giving Viv Richards's side a winning 3-0 lead, and to sign off with the best-ever tally would crown a performance of the highest quality.

Selectors

The Barbadian paceman's trail of destruction has caused such disarray in the England camp that the selectors have picked 27 players during this series, with their problems now compounded by a crop of injuries to the Oval squad.

Following the withdrawal of fast bowler Graham Dilley on Sunday with an injured knee, England's woes reached mammoth proportions yesterday with captain Chris Cowdrey forced to pull out because of a bruised foot along with prospective Test debutant Kim Barnett, who has a hand injury.

That led to urgent calls to all-



Marshall makes an appeal for lbw against Lamb in the earlier Test.

rounder David Capel and his Northamptonshire batsman colleague Rob Bailey to rein-

force the squad of 13, plus the appointment of Graham Gooch as captain — the fourth player to

lead England during the series. Bailey, also receiving his first Test call, has been included because of serious doubts about the fitness of England's most successful batsman Allan Lamb, who tore a calf muscle during the fourth Test.

England have had to call up such a large number of players in an attempt to combat West Indies' unrelenting fast bowling, the formula for their success over the last decade and effectively used in the current series by Marshall and a new generation of Caribbean pacemen.

Marshall has been both the spearhead and the inspiration to Richards's team, showing what an accomplished performer he has become with a mastery of swing and seam from a reduced run-up to complement his sheer speed.

He has now taken 286 wickets in 57 Tests and could move to the threshold of 300 — a landmark reached by only eight other bowlers in cricket history — on a pitch at the Oval that tends to have rather more pace than most in England.

With an essentially ideal batting surface in prospect, it is unlikely England will play only three specialist bowlers as in the fourth Test.

Left-arm spinner John Childs, who was omitted from the fourth Test after making his debut in the previous match, looks a probable inclusion as the only slow

bowler in the squad, with fast-medium Neil Foster another certainty.

To complete the likely minimum of four bowlers, two pacemen will have to be chosen from Gladstone Small, Derek Pringle and Philip Drefreitas, who replaced Dilley.

While England juggle with their battered resources in an attempt to produce a worthy blend, West Indies seem set to keep their winning nucleus in the light of Richards's comments after the 10-wicket win in the last Test at Old Trafford.

"There will be no let-up," said the West Indian captain, making clear his intentions to finish on a winning note at the Oval.

Missed

Richards can recall his vice-captain and senior opening batsman, Gordon Greenidge, who missed the fourth Test with a neck injury. Keith Arthurton, awarded his first cap at Old Trafford, may have to make way for Greenidge.

West Indies' only concern is the fitness of wicket-keeper Jeff Dujon, who injured an ankle while fielding as substitute against Essex at the weekend.

He would be missed as much for his consistently elegant batting — he averages 48.20 in the series — as his ability behind the stumps. The uncapped David Williams from Trinidad is reserve keeper.



Norman's participation in World Cup uncertain

SYDNEY, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Greg Norman's participation in December's World Cup of golf was thrown into question again today when the head of the Australian PGA warned that players might boycott the tournament.

PGA president Terry Gale insisted that the two-man Australian team would be made up of Peter Senior and Roger MacKay, first and second in the 1987 Order of Merit, as originally announced.

Yesterday, the organisers of the invitation event ignored the PGA team, saying world number one Norman and Rodger Davis would play in the event from December 8-11 at Royal Melbourne.

Gale said he believed players would back the PGA decision and would make it difficult for the organisers to pick a team.

"We can't physically or legally stop them playing but I think they will back us on this," he said.

"I don't think anyone will accept an invitation knowing they were dudding their mates."

Norman was not picked by the PGA because he played only four tournaments last season, one less than the number required to qualify for the Order of Merit.

World Cup promoter Tony Rooseneburg said of the PGA: "They are not involved in picking the team, they are irrelevant. We know he (Norman) wants to play and I am confident he will play."

Decision

A spokesman for Norman's agents, the International Management Group, said Norman hoped to make a decision next week.

"The issue is still up in the air. Greg is concerned about the ramifications about not playing for Australia in its bicentennial year against going against the wishes of the PGA," the spokesman told Reuters. "He does not want to make waves."

Taiwanese not allowed to compete in China

TAIPEI, Aug. 3. (UPI): The Chinese-Taipei Olympic Committee today said a Taiwanese gymnastics team cannot compete on the China mainland, despite recent overtures by the government, until official policy is changed.

The committee denied responsibility for blocking the Taiwan gymnastics team from competing in the Pan-Pacific Games to be held on the China mainland in December.

US triumph

DUISBURG, West Germany, Aug. 3. (AP): The United States, paced by three goals from Michael Evans, defeated Spain 16-6 in the first day of the eight-nation water polo tournament in Duisburg yesterday.

Veteran Manuel Estarte put in a strong performance for Spain, scoring three goals as well.

Greg Boyer, Terry Schroeder, Jeffrey Campbell, John Vargas and Kevin Robertson scored two goals each for the US team.

"Our offensive was great. We scored on the fast break, on set offense and on the power play," US team coach Bill Barnett said after his victory.

The Army of Nationalist Party

Participate

The gymnasts would have been the first Taiwanese athletes to participate in an international competition on the mainland.

The ruling Nationalist Party endorsed a more liberal mainland policy during its 13th National Congress in July, which would allow both academic and athletic exchanges.

The Army of Nationalist Party

leader Chiang Kai-Shek fled the mainland in 1949 and established its government in Taiwan. The party has never relinquished its claim to be legitimate government of all of China.

But in recent months relations between Taipei and Beijing have appeared to improve.

On Friday, President Lee Teng-Hui called for the further expansion of civilian contacts with the mainland.

But an Olympic committee spokesman said the government has not yet formulated a policy to govern the exchanges.

"Of course we are willing, we are just waiting for the policy," said Frederick Yun, acting deputy secretary-general of the Olympic committee.

Yun said the decision on whether the gymnasts could perform on the mainland rests with Premier Yu Ku-Hua.

BBC and BSB clinch £20m deal for FA Cup

LONDON, Aug. 3. (Reuters): A television company battle to screen English soccer matches, which threatened to cause a major split in the game, took a fresh turn today with a deal involving the Football Association (FA) Cup.

The state-owned British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB) are to televise games in the FA Cup in a five-year agreement believed to be worth around £20 million (\$35 million), the FA said.

The two firms recently dropped out of a battle with the coun-

SPORTS BRIEFS

Imran Khan

HOVE, England, Aug. 3. (Reuters): Imran Khan's 11-year association with English County Cricket Club Sussex is likely to end after one more match. The Pakistan captain is expected to make his final appearance in a four-day games against Surrey in September and is unlikely to be considered for any other fixtures. Sussex said yesterday.

Viv Richards

LONDON, Aug. 3. (Reuters): West Indies captain Viv Richards, already assured of victory in the current Test series, said today he would like to lead a fresh onslaught against England in the tour planned for 1991.

Top siren

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 3. (Reuters): Roberto, one of the top sirens in North America whose offspring have won \$14.7 million and 59 stakes races, died yesterday at the age of 19.

Miguel Lora

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 3. (UPI): The California Athletic Commission yesterday began an investigation to determine whether Miguel Lora of Colombia ingested an illegal substance during the successful defense of his World Boxing Council bantamweight crown.

Fight guarantee

NEW YORK, Aug. 3. (AP): Top Rank has offered World Boxing Council welterweight champion Lloyd Honeyghan of Britain a guarantee of \$500,000 to fight Donald Curry of the United States, for his WBC super welterweight title in October, a spokesman said yesterday.

Rugby tour

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 3. (Reuters): A strong World XV rugby side will soon tour South Africa and some players are already on their way. South Africa's rugby union chief Danie Craven said today.

Mike Hillardt

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 3. (AP): Australian 1,500 metres champion Mike Hillardt underwent an operation on a troublesome Achilles tendon injury at the weekend and could miss the Seoul Olympic Games in September, his coach said today.

PSV beaten

LEVERKUSEN, West Germany, Aug. 3. (Reuter): UEFA Cup holders Bayer Leverkusen of West Germany beat European Cup winners PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands 1-0 (halftime 0-0) in a soccer friendly yesterday.

Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 3. (AP): An anti-apartheid group today threatened to disrupt next year's \$2.4 million Australian Open tennis championships unless South African players were banned from the event.

Yugoslav player

VIENNA, Aug. 3. (UPI): Austrian First Division soccer champions Rapid have signed Yugoslav midfielder Mladen Munjakovic for two years. The 27-year-old international has lined up for Dinamo Zagreb for eight years and has played five Olympic tournaments and three internationals for Yugoslavia.

Leonard and Lalonde to announce fight

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (AP): Sugar Ray Leonard and World Boxing Council light heavyweight champion Don Lalonde are expected to announce tomorrow they will fight for the WBC's new 168-pound super middleweight title.

Both camps had earlier said negotiations were centring on a bout as early as November.

"Unless there are some changes, an announcement of a fight is expected," Lalonde's manager, Dave Wolf, said last night. Wolf would not release any details of the bout.

Leonard's attorney, Mike Trainer, remained in Los Angeles yesterday in final stages of contract negotiations with Norm Kaplan, Lalonde's attorney, trainer's office said.

Leonard, 32, a natural welterweight who last fought in April 1987 when he ended a three-year retirement and stunned Marvelous Marvin Hagler for

the undisputed middleweight title, would be coming out of retirement a third time.

Leonard, who has held the world welterweight, junior middleweight and middleweight crowns, would simultaneously capture his fourth and fifth titles if he defeats Lalonde, a hard-hitting 28-year-old Canadian who is 31-2 with 26 knockouts.

Lalonde also will risk his World Boxing Council light heavyweight title (175 pounds) as part of the agreement to fight for the WBC's newly formed 168-pound super middleweight division.

"I've considered fighting a number of people from welterweights to light heavy," Leonard said this week in an interview with a Washington television station. "As to say I want to do it, because I still can and I want to, I'm in a situation now to challenge the light heavyweight champion of the world, which I never thought I could do,

because I thought I was too small."

On July 19, the WBC executive committee in Mexico City approved a possible fight between Leonard and Lalonde for the new weight class. Boxing's other two sanctioning bodies, the World Boxing Association and the International Boxing Federation, already have super middleweight divisions.

Leonard, 34-1, who won a gold medal for the United States in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, has fought only twice since he initially retired from boxing in November 1982 as undisputed world welterweight (147-pound) and junior middleweight (154-pound) champion.

His first retirement came after undergoing surgery for a detached retina in his left eye. Leonard fought in May 1984 but immediately retired again after an uninspired victory over unheralded Kevin Howard. He

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IOC to beef up anti-drug campaign

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Aug. 3. (AP): The head of the IOC medical commission faces a renewed challenge at the Seoul Olympics: how to keep up with athletes who use increasingly sophisticated, hard-to-detect drugs to cheat their way to the top.

The challenge, said Prince Alexandre de Merode, shows the need for a joint international effort to ban drugs from sports.

Since De Merode took the job 21 years ago, he said the use of banned substances has often stayed one step ahead of detection.

"Our long road is not yet at an

end," he said in an interview at his Brussels home. "Tomorrow there will be another drug problem, more complicated and probably involving some genetic manipulation," he said.

Now, the International Olympic Committee plans to battle medical progress with improved organisation.

Meeting on the eve of the Seoul Games, it hopes to approve uniform drug procedures and sanctions for all Olympic Games and other sporting events.

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